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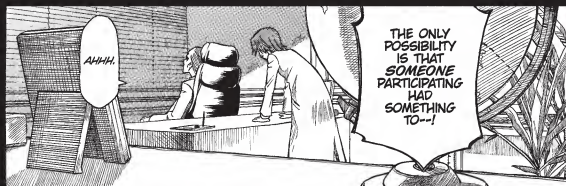




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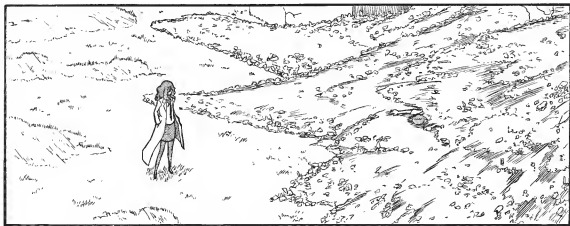


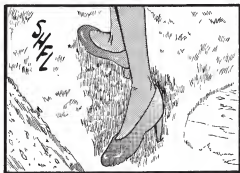
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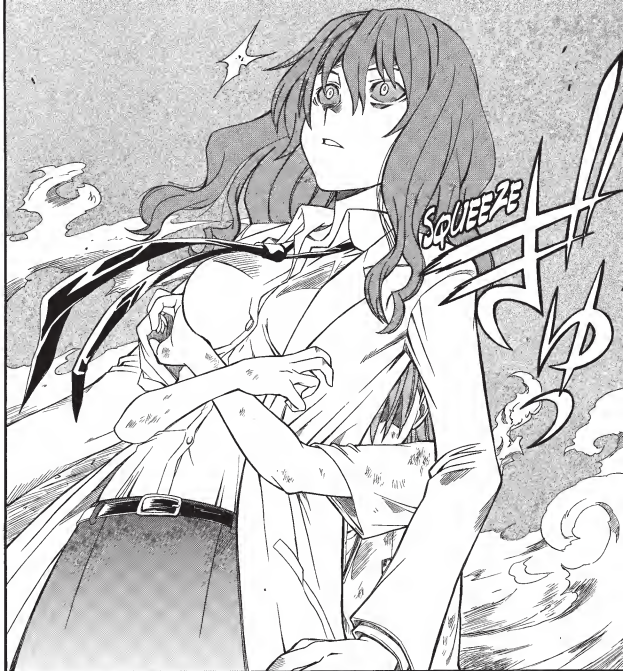


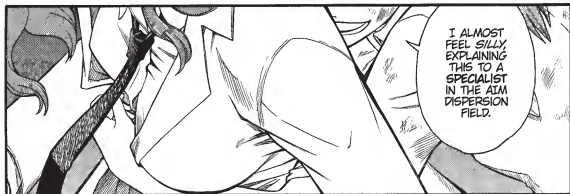
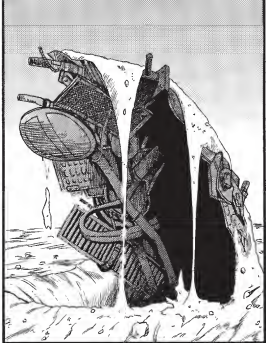
THE
"CHILD ERRORS"
THAT ARE THE
BAGGAGE OF
ACADEMY CITY,
THEY CONTRIBUTE
TO THE
ADVANCEMENT
OF SCIENCE.
THAT'S A
GOOD THING,
IS IT NOT?

CHAPTER 14: JULY 24 (4)









MY BODY IS CONSTANTLY EMITTING ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVES.

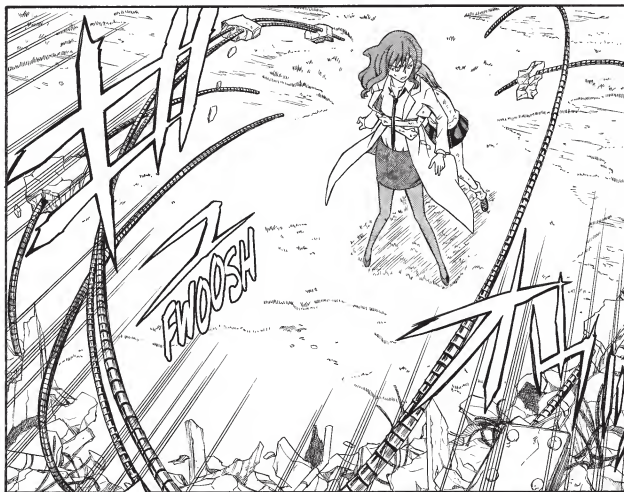


I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY BLIND SPOTS, SINCE I CAN PICK UP ANY SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENT AGAINST ME RIGHT AWAY, THANKS TO THE REFLECTED WAVES.



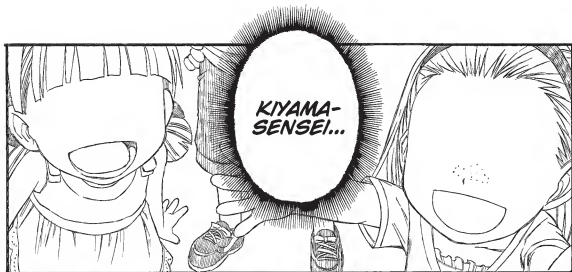
BUT
THERE'S
NO WAY
YOU
HAVE THE
SAME
RIDICULOUS
ABILITY,
RIGHT?

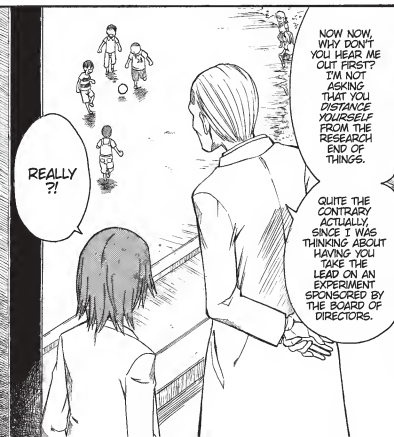
IT
DIDN'T
WORK
ON
THAT
IDIOT...

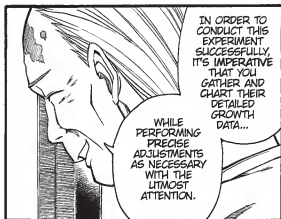
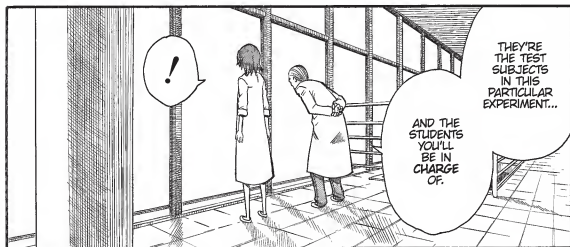
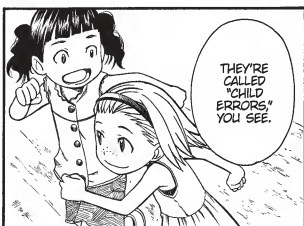
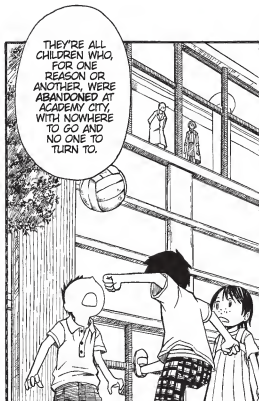


TOO
SLOW!











PLEASED
TO MEET
YOU,
SENSEI!

MY
NAME IS
KIYAMA
HARUMI,
AND I'LL
BE YOUR
NEW
TEACHER.

PLEASED
TO
MEET
YOU.



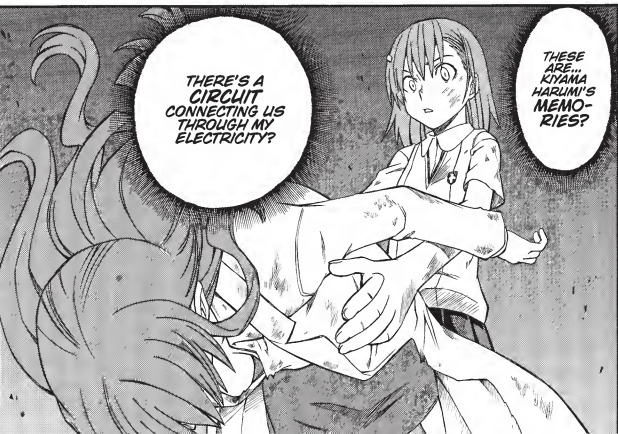
SIGH...



WHATEVER.
I JUST HAVE
TO LAST AS
LONG AS IT
TAKES TO
MAKE THIS
EXPERIMENT
SUCCESSFUL.



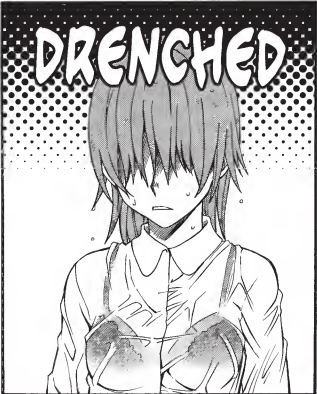
UGH,
WHAT A
BOTHER.



THERE'S A
CIRCUIT
CONNECTING US
THROUGH MY
ELECTRICITY?

THESE
ARE...
KIYAMA
HARUMI'S
MEMO-
RIES?

DRENCHED



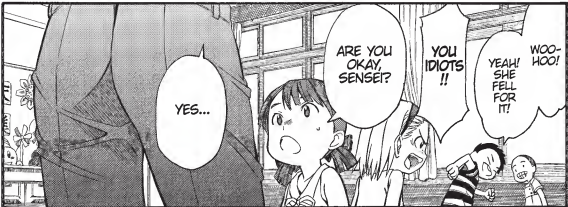
I
HATE
CHILD-
REN.

SPLASH



AH!

YES...

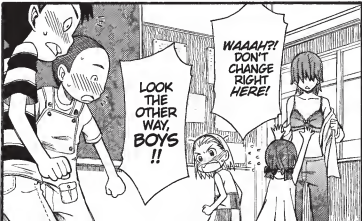


ARE YOU
OKAY,
SENSEI?

YOU
IDIOTS
!!

WOO-
HOO!
YEAH! SHE
FELL
FOR
IT!

LOOK
THE
OTHER
WAY,
BOYS
!!

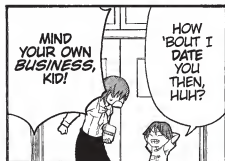
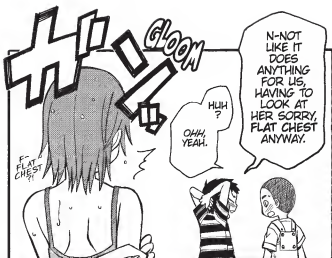


WAAAHH?!
DON'T
CHANGE
RIGHT
HERE!

IT'S
SUNNY,
SO IT'LL
DRY
SOON
ENOUGH
IF I
HANG IT
UP
OUTSIDE.



SHF



THEY HAVE NO MANNERS.

THEY'RE NOISY.

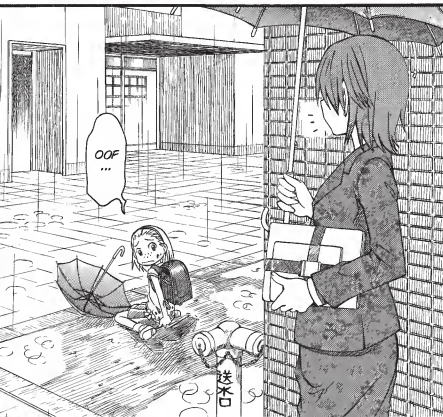
AND BECOME ATTACHED FAR TOO QUICKLY.

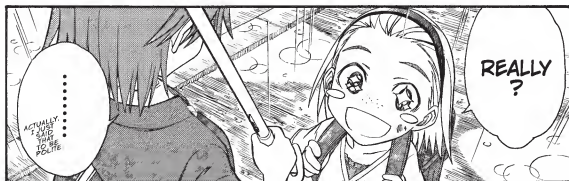
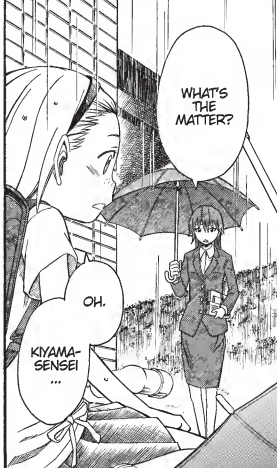
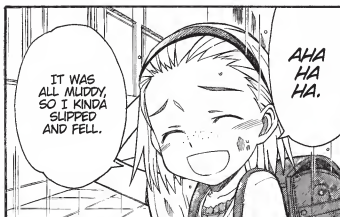
THEY GET OVERLY FAMILIAR WITH YOU...

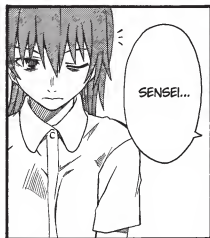
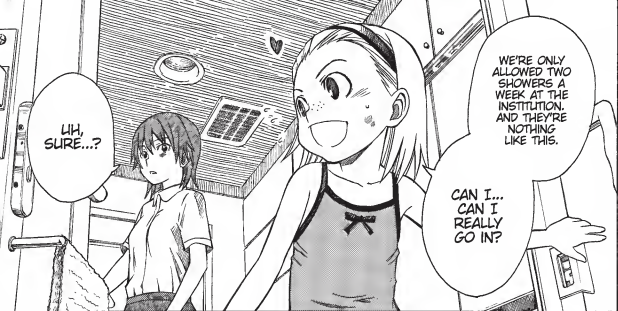
THEY'RE COMPLETELY ILLOGICAL.

THEY PLAY PRANKS ON YOU.

THEY'RE RUDE.









IS THAT
WHAT YOU
WANT FOR
YOURSELF?
TO BE A
HIGH LEVEL
PSYCHIC?

HMM...
THAT'S
PART OF
IT.

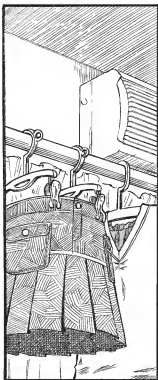


I CAN'T
GIVE
YOU A
DEFINITIVE
ANSWER
AT THIS
MOMENT,
I'M
AFRAID.

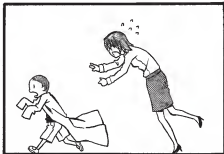
A LOT OF IT
HAS TO DO
WITH WHAT
YOU WERE
BORN WITH,
BUT IT ALSO
HAS TO DO
WITH HOW
MUCH WORK
YOU PUT
INTO IT.

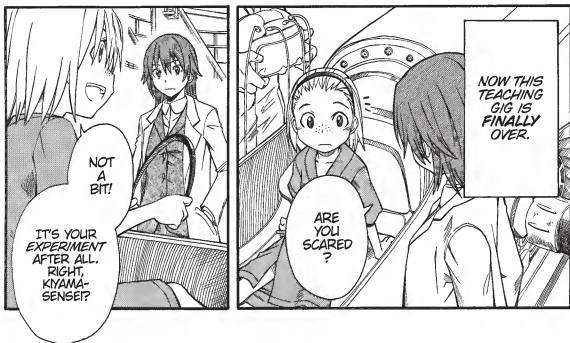
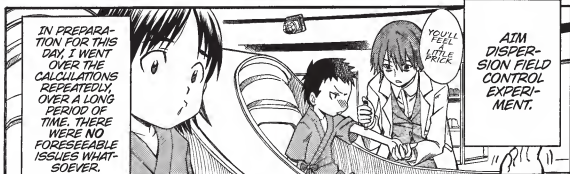
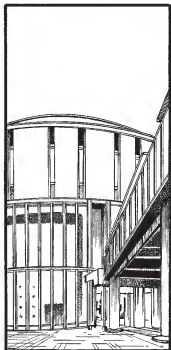
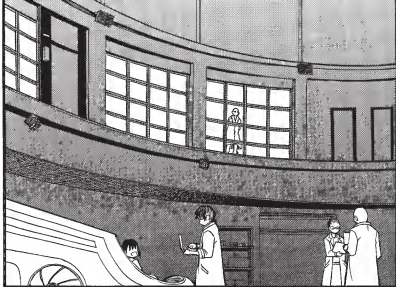


WE'RE BEING
RAISED BY
ACADEMY
CITY...



I JUST
WANT
TO BE
USEFUL
TO THIS
CITY ONE
DAY,
THAT'S ALL.







NOW
IT'S ALL
OVER...







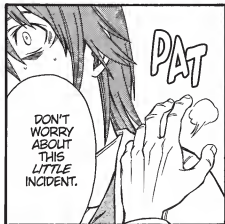
I HAVE
HIGH
EXPECTA-
TIONS FOR
YOU IN THE
YEARS TO
COME,
MY DEAR.



YOU DID
WELL,
KIYAMA-
KUN.

BUT
SACRIFICES
ARE TO BE
EXPECTED
WHEN IT
COMES TO
THE
ADVANCE-
MENT OF
SCIENCE.

A PITY
ABOUT
THEM...

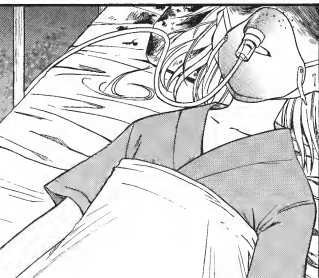


PAT

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THIS
LITTLE
INCIDENT.

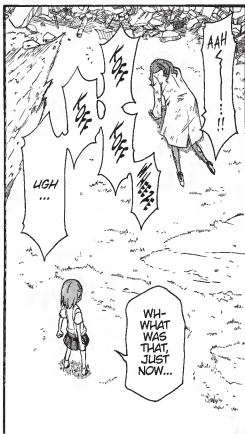
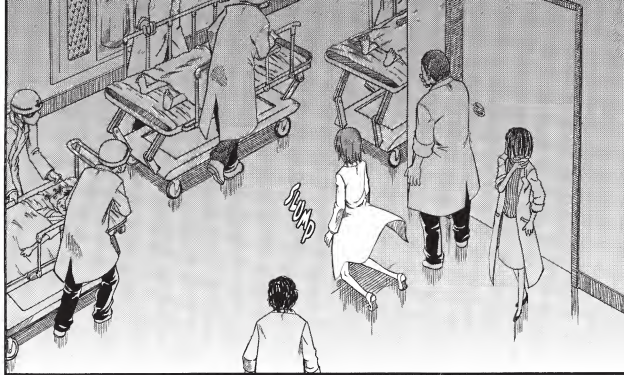


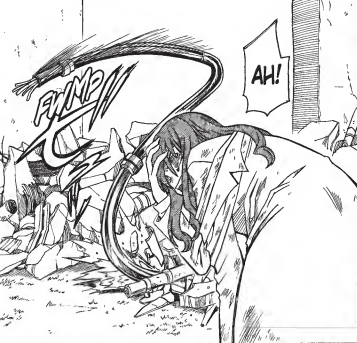
ALL RIGHT
THEN,
I'LL LEAVE
THIS IN
YOUR
HANDS.



PAT! PAT! PAT!

UGH
...







HUMAN...
EXPERI-
MENTA-
TION...



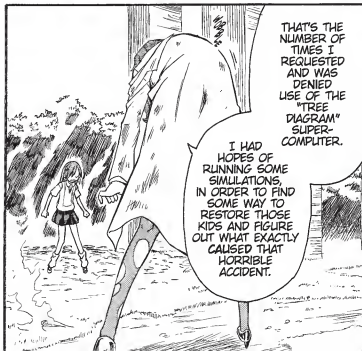
USING
THOSE
KIDS AS
DISPOS-
ABLE
LAB
RATS.



IF THAT
WAS THE
CASE,
THEN WHY
NOT GO
TO ANTI-
SKILL?



TWENTY-
THREE
TIMES.



THAT'S THE
NUMBER OF
TIMES I
REQUESTED
AND WAS
DENIED
USE OF THE
"TREE
DIAGRAM"
SUPER-
COMPUTER.

I HAD
HOPES OF
RUNNING SOME
SIMULATIONS
IN ORDER TO FIND
SOME WAY TO
RESTORE THOSE
KIDS AND FIGURE
OUT WHAT EXACTLY
CAUSED THAT
HORRIBLE
ACCIDENT.



AND IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT, I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES.

I WON'T LET THEM REPEAT THAT TRAGEDY, NEVER AGAIN.



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS INVOLVED IN THE COVER UP! DO YOU REALLY THINK ANTI-SKILL WOULD ACT IN THAT SITUATION?!

BUT DOESN'T THAT MAKE WHAT YOU'RE DOING THE VERY SAME THING--

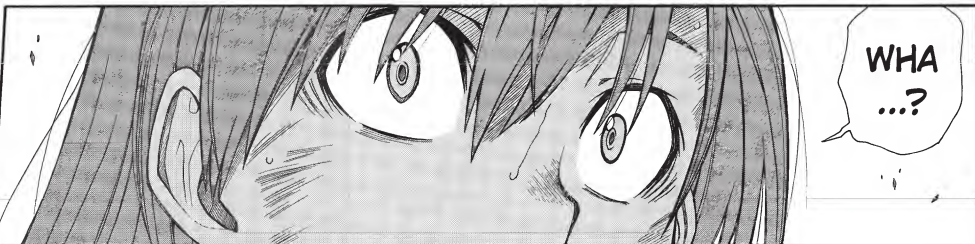
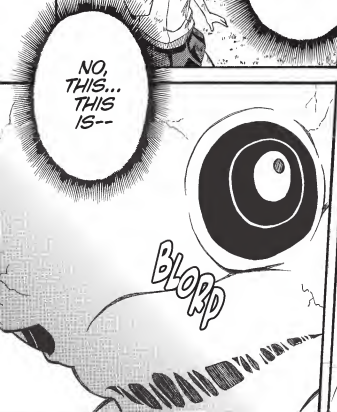
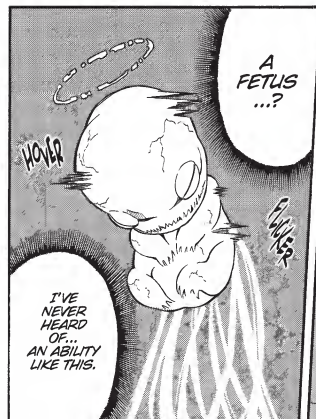
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND !!



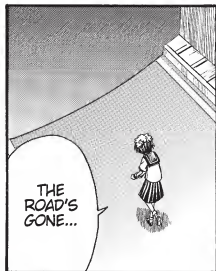
I WON'T STOP, EVEN IF IT MEANS TURNING ALL OF ACADEMY CITY AGAINST ME!!!











Kiyama: Rough Sketch



⑨ Normally looks quite sleepy.
Her bottom lashes have quite a bit of
fullness to them.



⑩ When she reveals her true nature,
the hair she had held back shifts forward.





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CHAPTER 15: JULY 24 (5)



I ALWAYS
THOUGHT
OF MYSELF
AS A HARD
WORKER.

THAT
ACCUMULATION
OF EFFORT
TIED DIRECTLY
INTO MY SELF-
CONFIDENCE.



FROM
BEFORE
SUNRISE TO
NIGHTFALL,
I THREW
MYSELF
SINGLE-
MINUTELY
INTO
TRAINING.

ONCE THEY
APPROVED
THE USE OF
PSYCHIC
ABILITIES IN
SPORTS IN
ACADEMY CITY,
EVERYTHING
I HAD DONE
BECAME
MOOT.

STRIIIKE!

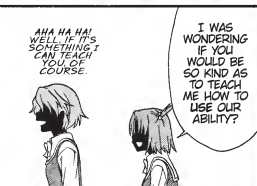
BATTER
OUT!

FWH

BUT...

FWH





I HAVEN'T
SEEN
THAT GIRL
IN A
WHILE...
HMM?



OH,
I SEE
NOW.



TRY
VISUALIZING
IT LIKE
YOU'RE
EXTENDING
AN
INVISIBLE
HAND
OUT...



AW,
YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO DO
THAT!



I'LL
HOOD
YOUR
BAG
FOR
YOU!



ACADEMY
CITY
SURE IS
A CRUEL
PLACE.



WELL,
I TOTALLY
SURPASSED
HER,
ACCORDING
TO THE
SYSTEM
SCAN.

THERE'S
NOTHING
SHE CAN
TEACH ME
NOW



THAT'S
SO
WRONG!

AND
YOU WERE
CHASING
AFTER HER,
CALLING HER
"SEMPAI"
OVER AND
OVER!

THEY TURN
YOUR ABILITY
INTO A
NUMBER,
AND THEY
MAKE IT
CRYSTAL
CLEAR WHO IS
SUPERIOR,
JUST LIKE
THAT.



DON'T
GIVE UP
IF YOU
KEEP
TRYING,
THEN I'M
SURE
THAT...

WHENEVER I'D
COME ACROSS
APATHETIC
STUDENTS WHO
HAD DROPPED
OUT OF ACADEMY
CITY'S POWER
CURRICULUM
PROGRAM,
I'D OFTEN STOP
TO SPEAK TO
THEM.

SLOWLY—
BUT
SURELY,
MY
ABILITIES
BEGAN TO
INCREASE.

EVEN A FOOL
CAN GET
THINGS DONE
IF HE PUTS
HIS MIND TO
IT, SO I
THREW
MYSELF
INTO THE
CURRICULUM.

THAT'S
WHAT THE
MAJORITY OF
STUDENTS
IN ACADEMY
CITY
DREAM OF,
AND IT'S
THE SAME
DREAM THAT
I PURSUE AS
WELL.

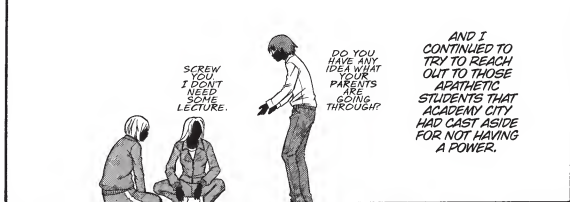
TO
BECOME A
LEVEL 5
ONE DAY.

"SUPER
DUPER
PUNCH!"

THEN
ONE DAY,
I WITNESSED
A TRUE
PSYCHIC
ABILITY WITH
MY OWN
EYES.

BUT AT THAT
MOMENT,
I REALIZED THAT
IN ORDER TO
ACHIEVE SUCH A
THING, I HAD TO
SCALE ONE OF
THE TALLEST,
THICKEST
WALLS I'D
EVER SEEN.
WITHOUT ANY
FOOTHOLDS TO
HELP ME.

AN ABILITY SO
RIDICULOUSLY
STUPID AND
PREPOSTEROUS,
SUCH A
BUSHWA
POWER
THAT IT MIGHT
AS WELL HAVE
BEEN SOME
SORT OF BAD
JOKE.



SCREW
YOU,
I DON'T
NEED
SOME
LECTURE.

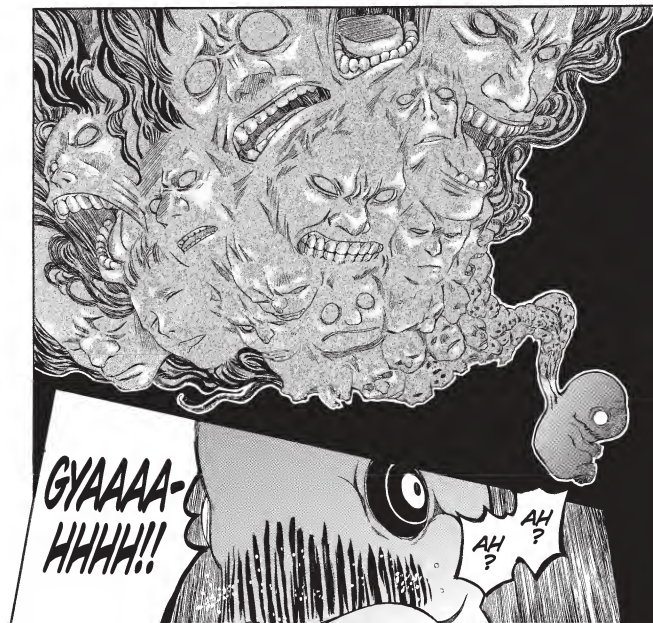
DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEA WHAT
YOUR
PARENTS
ARE
GOING
THROUGH?

AND I
CONTINUED TO
TRY TO REACH
OUT TO THOSE
APATHETIC
STUDENTS THAT
ACADEMY CITY
HAD CAST ASIDE
FOR NOT HAVING
A POWER.



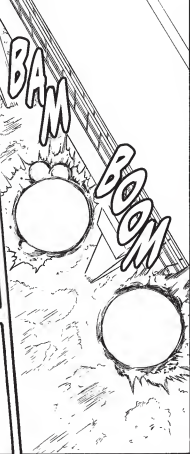
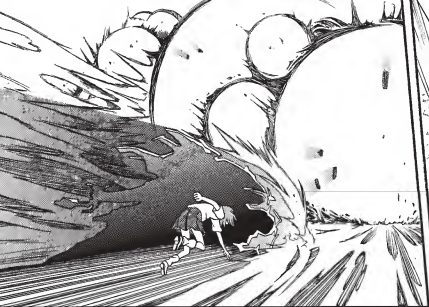
I SIMPLY
LOOK DOWN
AT MY FEET
AS I SPEAK
TO THEM.

UNABLE TO
LOOK UP,
UNABLE TO
FOCUS ON
WHAT LIES
BEFORE ME...



GYAAAA-
HHHH!!

AH?
AH?



GAH!
WHAT IN THE
WORLD
IS
THAT
THING?!





AHH !!

WAIT, THAT'S ALL I TOOK?

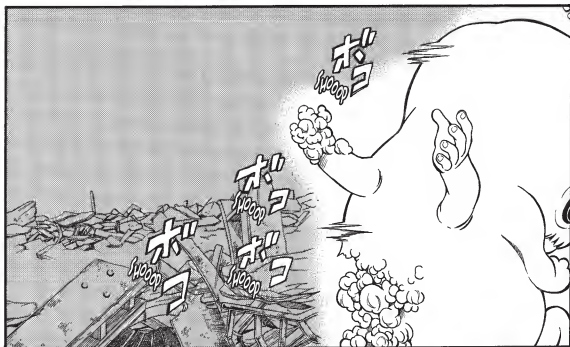


?!



IT BURST OPEN?!

BUT IT'S NOT BLEEDING, SO DOES THAT MEAN IT'S NOT A LIVING CREATURE?



ホコ
swoop

ホコ
swoop

ホコ
swoop

ホコ
swoop

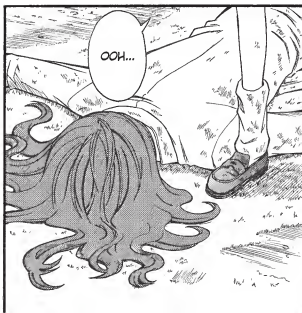
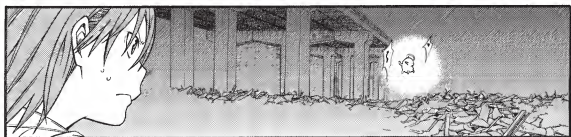


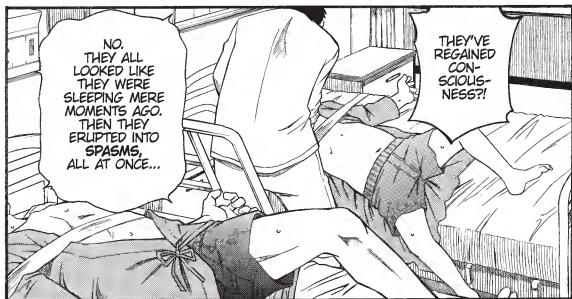
GRW

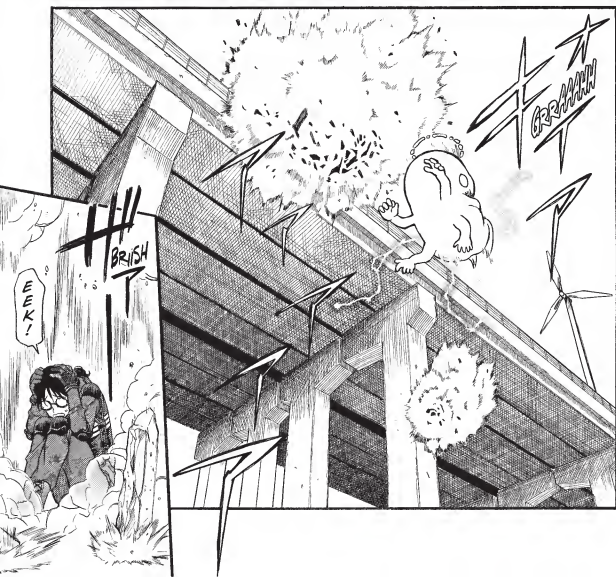
GRW

GRW

GRR.









DON'T
ASK
ME.

MAYBE
SOME
BIOLOGICAL
WEAPON?

UH...

WH-
WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THAT
THING?!



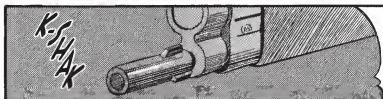
WE
CAN'T
JUST
SIT
AROUND
AND
WAIT
FOR
BACK
UP TO
SHOW.

THAT
THING
IS
PRETTY
CLOSE
TO US.



WE'RE
THE
ONLY
ONES
LEFT
THAT
CAN
MOVE,
SO WE
NEED
TO
MAKE
THIS
WORK!

THE
MAJORITY
OF OUR
GUYS
GOT
TAKEN
OUT BY
KIYAMA.



PERMISSION
TO OPEN
FIRE
GRANTED!



FIRE!

BRATA-

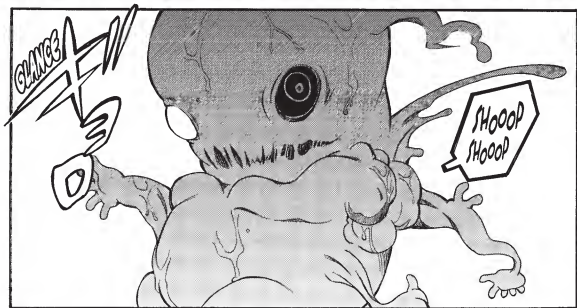
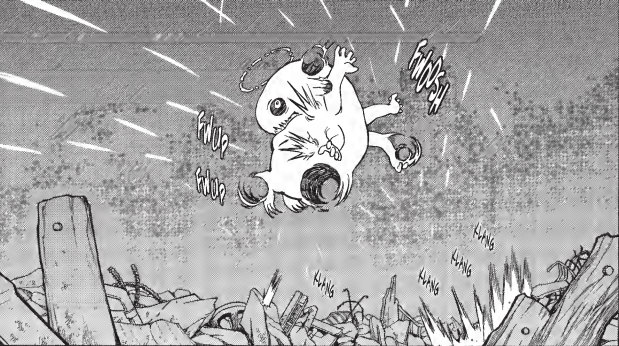
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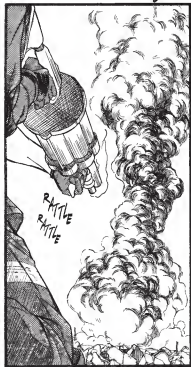
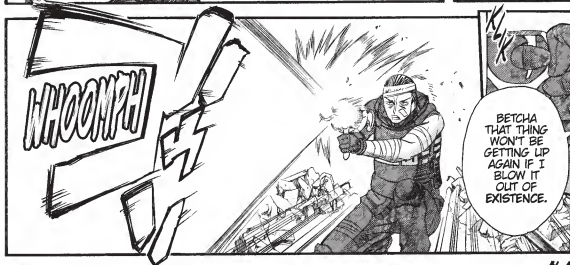
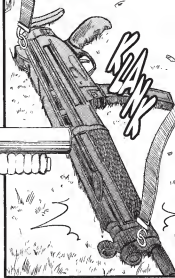
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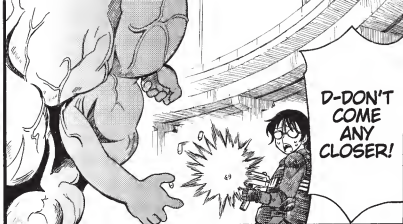
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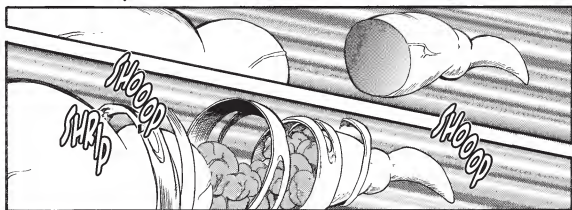
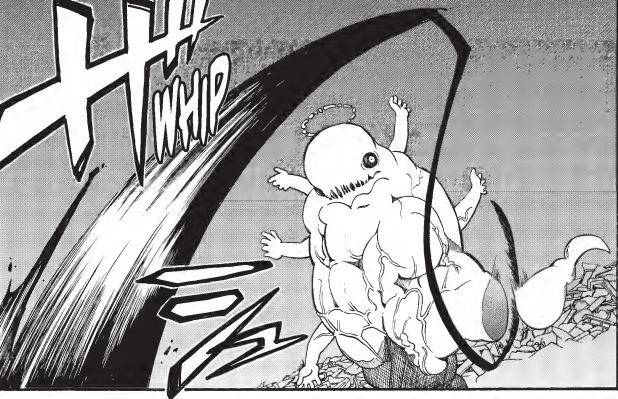






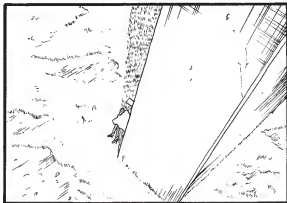


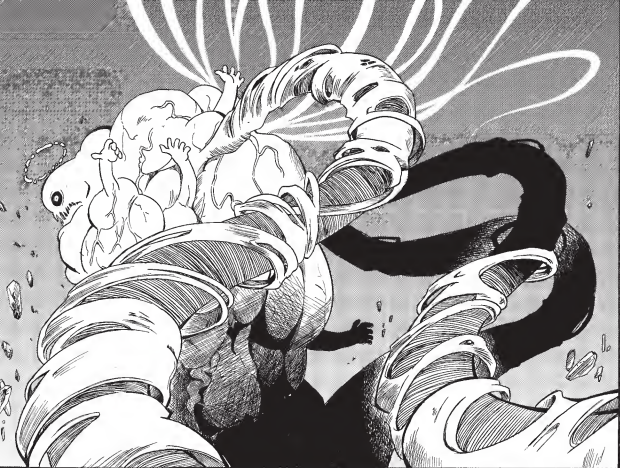






SERI-
OUSLY
...?



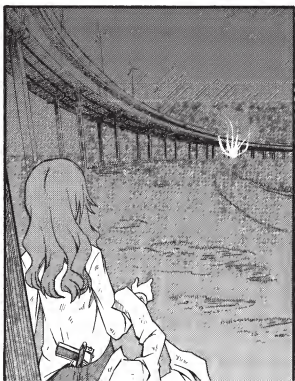


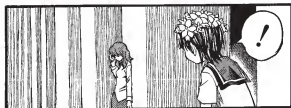
HEH.

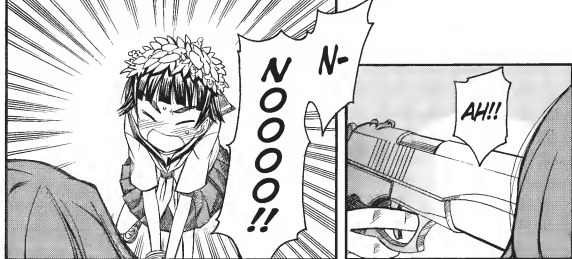


HA
HA
HA
HA!

HA
HA
...









NO,
THOUGH REALITY
AND RUMOR
ARE TWO
COMPLETELY
SEPARATE
THINGS.

IT'S NOT
JUST AN
URBAN
LEGEND?



IMAGINARY
NUMBER
DISTRICT?



KOF...
YEAH...



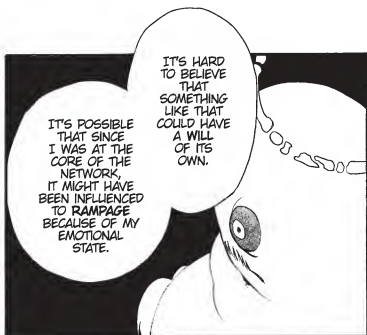
THAT CREATURE
PROBABLY WORKS
ALONG THE
SAME THEORY...
AN "AIM BURST"
CREATED OUT OF
AIM DISPERSION
FIELDS.

AN
IMAGINARY
NUMBER
DISTRICT IS AN
AGGREGATE
OF AIM
DISPERSION
FIELDS.



NOW IT'S
ATTEMPTING TO
ABSORB ACADEMY
CITY'S AIM
DISPERSION FIELD,
IN ORDER FOR IT
TO CONTINUE
TO GROW.

THE 10,000
MEMBER STRONG AIM
DISPERSION FIELD,
BOUND TOGETHER BY
THE "LEVEL UPPER"
NETWORK, BECAME
A CATALYST,
GIVING BIRTH TO
THAT THING.





BECAUSE
YOU
WOULD
NEVER
LIE,
KYAMA-
SENSEI.

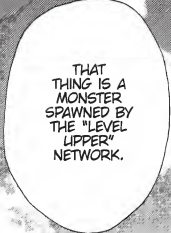
OF
COURSE
NOT.



OH
GOOD-
NESS...

DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA
HOW MUCH OF
A PAIN IT IS,
THAT THERE ARE
SO MANY PEOPLE
OUT THERE JUST
WILLING TO
BLINDLY TRUST
ANOTHER
HUMAN
BEING?





THAT
THING IS A
MONSTER
SPAWNED BY
THE "LEVEL
LIPPER"
NETWORK.



DO YOU
STILL HAVE
WHAT I
GAVE YOU
FOR SAFE-
KEEPING?



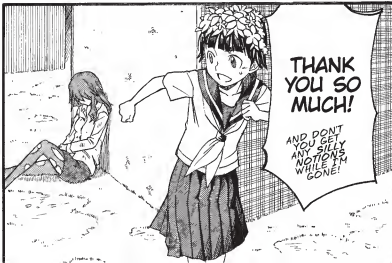
YOU MAY BE
ABLE TO STOP IT
BY DESTROYING
THE NETWORK
ALTOGETHER.



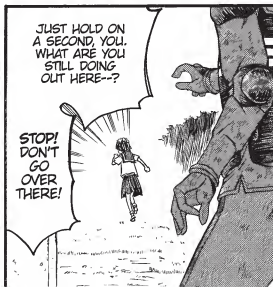
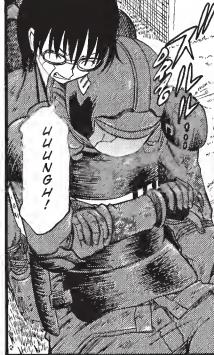
IT'S NOT A
GUARANTEE,
BUT IT'S
WORTH A TRY.



THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!



AND DON'T
YOU GET
ANY SILLY
NOTIONS
WHILE I'M
GONE!





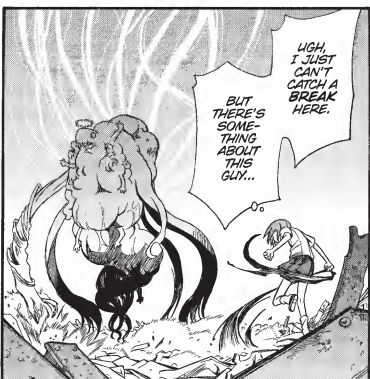
WHILE
MISAKA-SAN
HAS THAT
THING
DISTRACTED!

I
HAVE
TO
HURRY
...



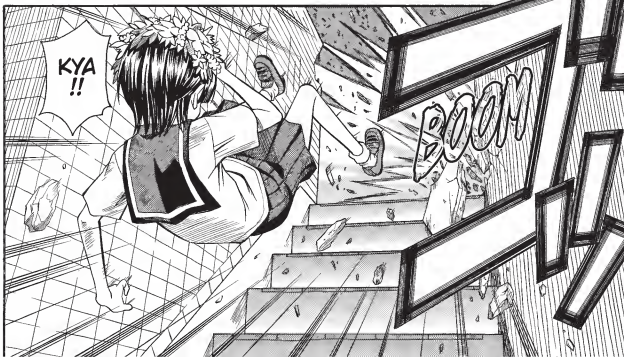
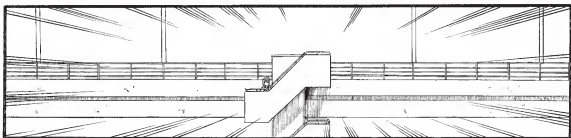
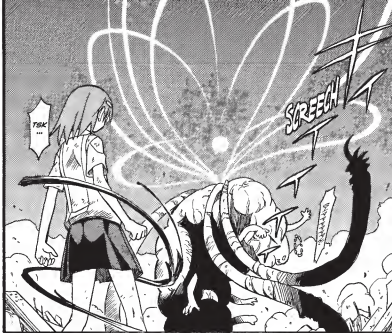
IT'S AS
IF IT'S
SUFFER-
ING,
REGARD-
LESS
OF MY
ATTACKS...

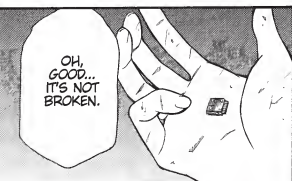
AAH!

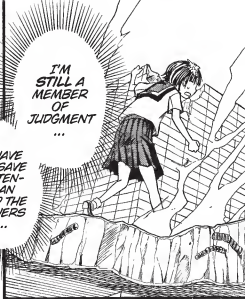


UGH,
I JUST
CAN'T
CATCH A
BREAK
HERE.

BUT
THERE'S
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
THIS
GLY...

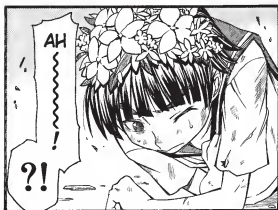






I'M
STILL A
MEMBER
OF
JUDGMENT
...

I HAVE
TO SAVE
SATEN-
SAN
AND THE
OTHERS
...



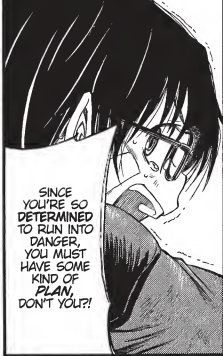
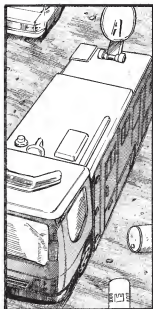
AH

?!



TYPICAL.

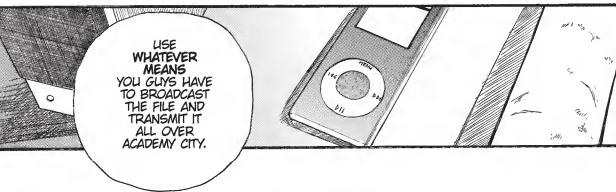
COMPLETELY
IGNORING A
WARNING,
JUST LIKE
THAT!



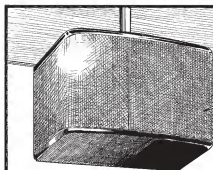
SINCE
YOU'RE SO
DETERMINED
TO RUN INTO
DANGER,
YOU MUST
HAVE SOME
KIND OF
PLAN,
DON'T YOU?!



YEAH,
WE DON'T
HAVE
TIME,
SO I'LL
ALLOW
IT.



USE
WHATEVER
MEANS
YOU GUYS HAVE
TO BROADCAST
THE FILE AND
TRANSMIT IT
ALL OVER
ACADEMY CITY.



AT ACADEMY
CITY'S
LARGEST
INDOOR POOL,
"THE WATER
PARK," WHICH
OPENED THIS
SUMMER...



SIGH...
THE
POOL,
HUH?



THERE'S
A SIGNAL
COMING
FROM THE
DIRECTION
OF THAT
POOL...

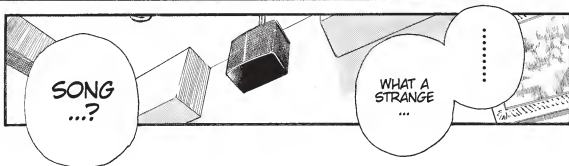
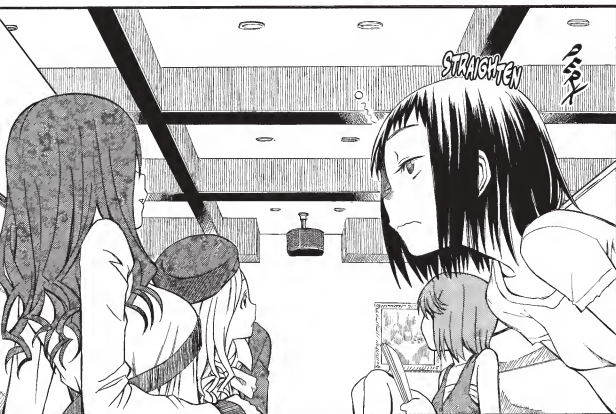
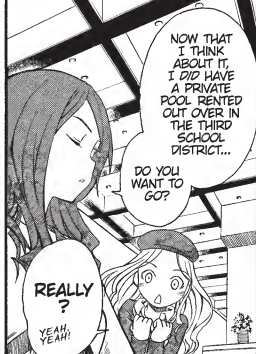
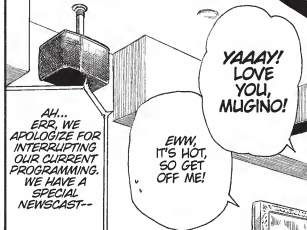


OF COURSE,
EVEN IF THEY
DID BUILD
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT,
I SUPPOSE IT
HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH
THE LIKES
OF US...



I MEAN,
WHO IN
THEIR RIGHT
MINDS WOULD
PURPOSELY
THROW
THEMSELVES
INTO SOME
SUPER-
CROWDED
PLACE LIKE
THAT?

THEN AGAIN,
ISN'T IT GONNA
BE SUPER-
CROWDED,
NO MATTER
WHERE WE
DECIDE TO
GO?



SCIENTIFIC Railgun

Haimura Kiyotaka Art Works **2**

AIM Burst ~ Rough Image



- The outline of the body ripples and sways, now and then. (Like a reflection on the water.)

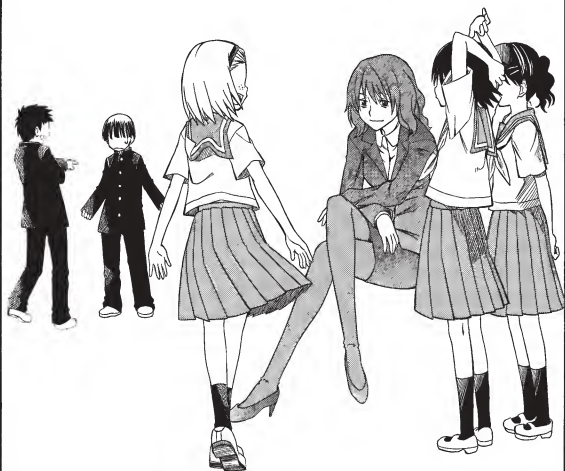
But the shape of the ring does not change.



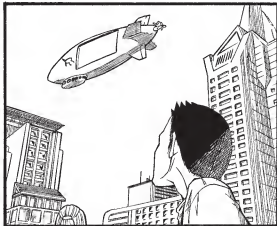
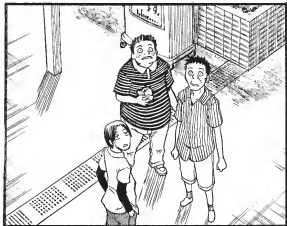
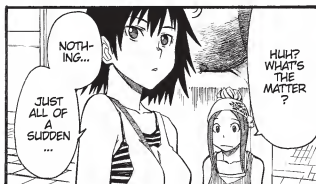
- On the fetus, the ring above its head will sometimes pause with gaps in it.
- Reminiscent of EarthBound (Mother 2)'s Giygas? Or R-TYPE's Bydo?

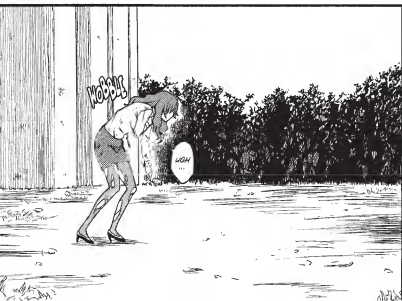
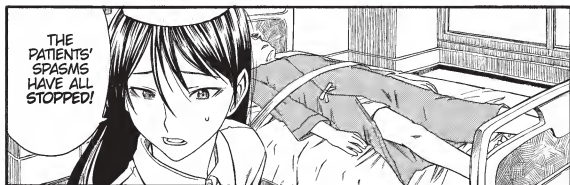
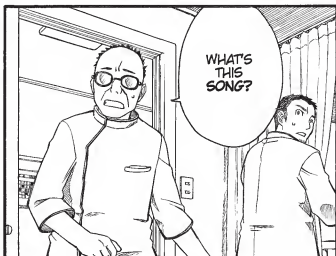
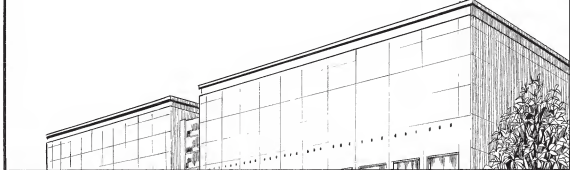


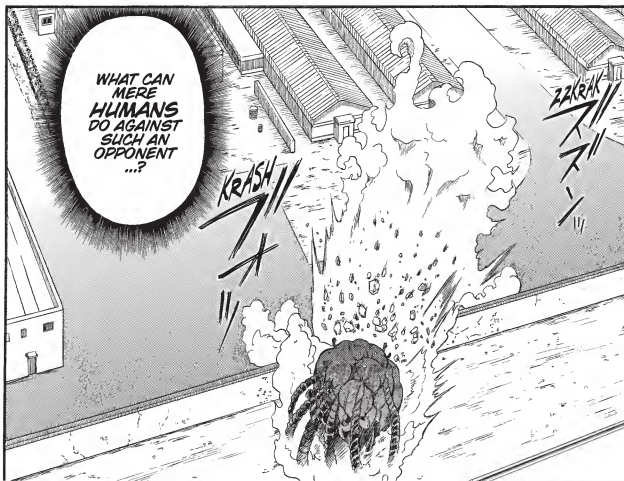
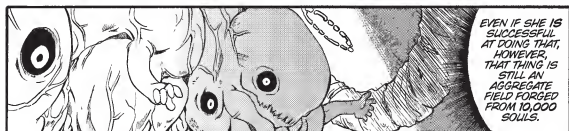
- Unleashes a "birth cry" like a Mandragora plucked from the ground?

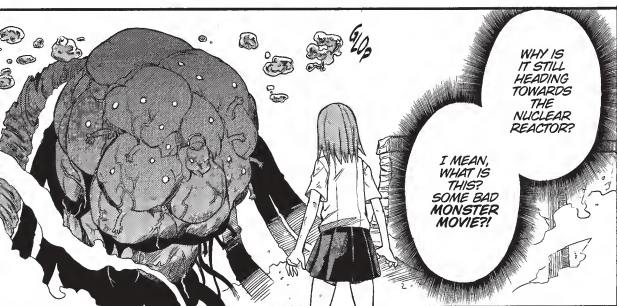


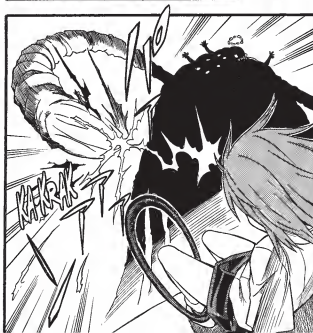
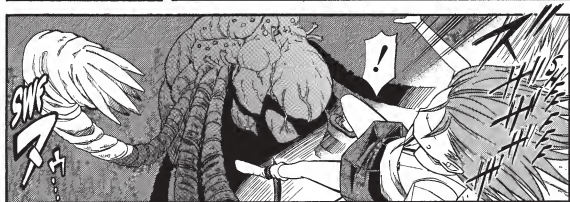
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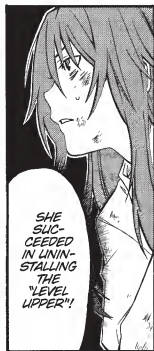


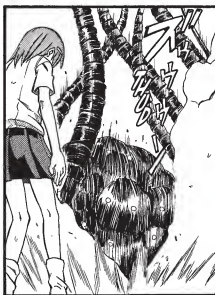
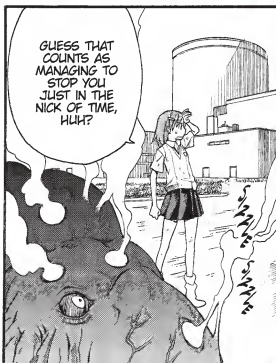


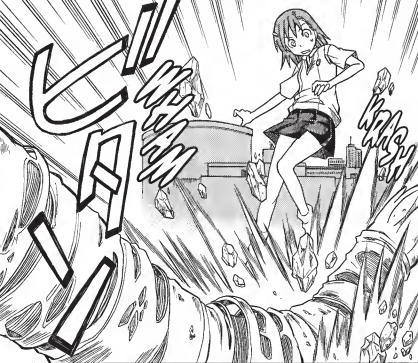












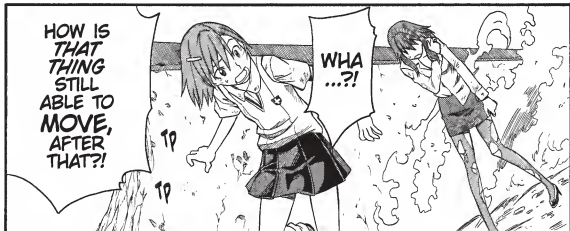
IT'S
NOT
OVER
YET!!

DON'T
LET
YOUR
GUARD
DOWN!



HOW IS
THAT
THING
STILL
ABLE TO
MOVE,
AFTER
THAT?!

WHA
...?!



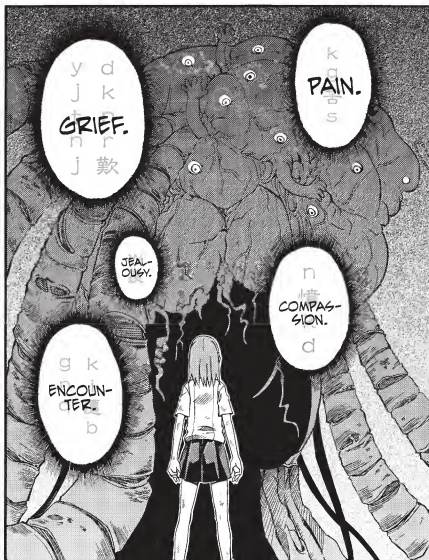
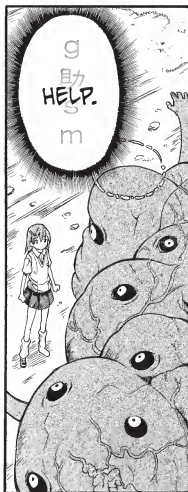
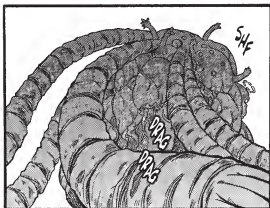
NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
DAMAGE
YOU DELIVER TO
ITS PHYSICAL
REPRESENTATION,
THAT DAMAGE
HAS NO
INFLUENCE
ON ITS
TRUE SELF
AT ALL.

THEN
WHAT THE
HECK
AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO?!

YOU CAN'T
TREAT IT THE
SAME WAY
YOU WOULD
A NORMAL,
LIVING
CREATURE.

THAT THING
IS THE SOUL OF
THE AIM
DISPERSION
FIELDS.







I
DON'T
CARE.

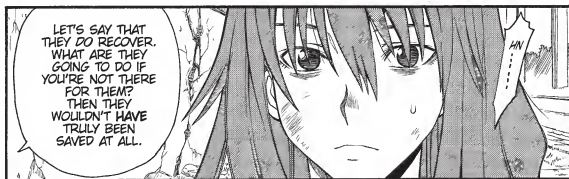
I HAVE A
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR GIVING
BIRTH TO
THAT THING.
I DON'T CARE
WHAT
HAPPENS
TO ME...

THAT MIGHT
BE FINE
AND DANDY
FOR YOU,
BUT WHAT
ABOUT YOUR
STUDENTS?



GET
BACK...

OR YOU
MIGHT
BECOME
FURTHER
INVOLVED.



LET'S SAY THAT
THEY DO RECOVER.
WHAT ARE THEY
GOING TO DO IF
YOU'RE NOT THERE
FOR THEM?
THEN THEY
WOULDN'T HAVE
TRULY BEEN
SAVED AT ALL.



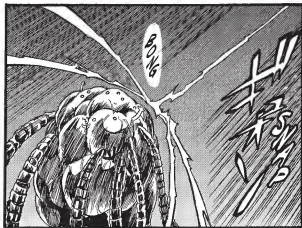
OH,
AND BY
THE
WAY...

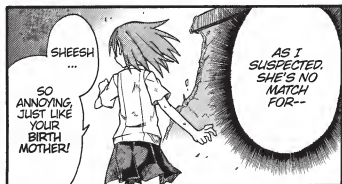
GLANCE



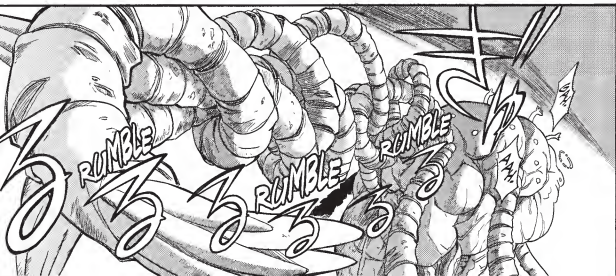
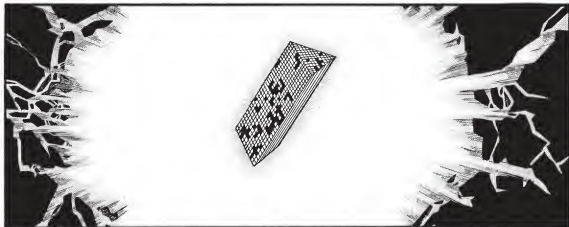
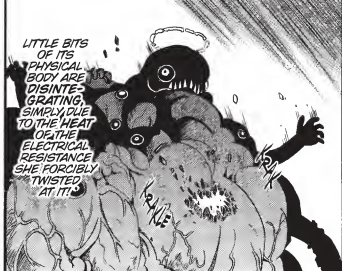
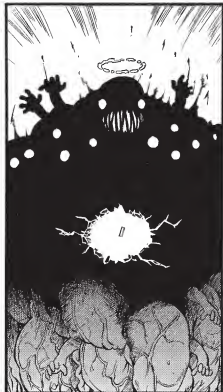
OR
WERE YOU
PLANNING
ON GIVING
UP AND
ABANDONING
THEM
ALREADY?

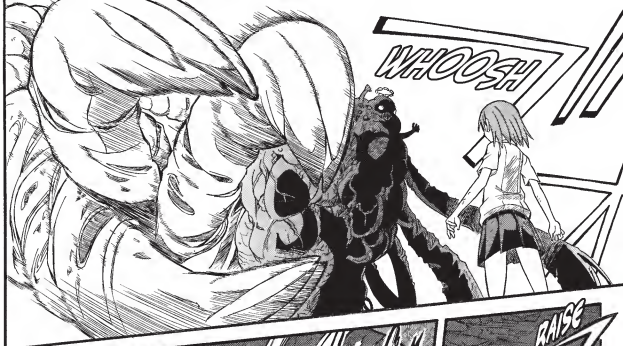
IF YOU
PROMISE
NOT TO DO
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT
AGAIN,
I'LL HELP
YOU.

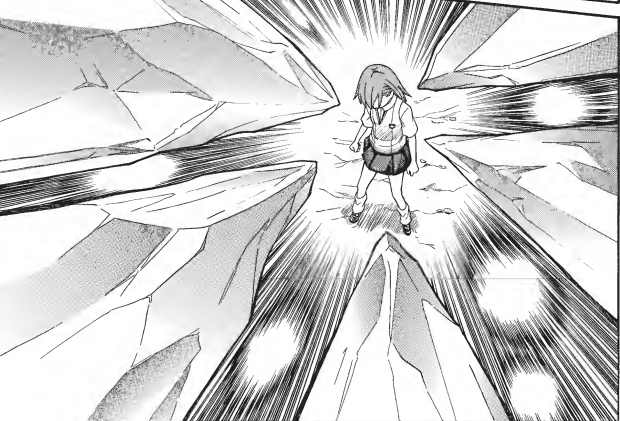








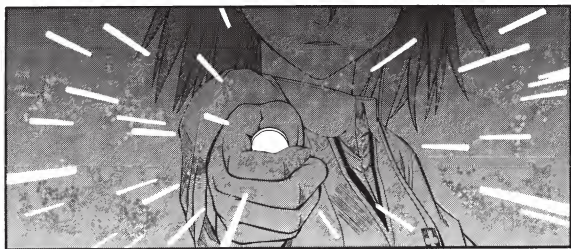


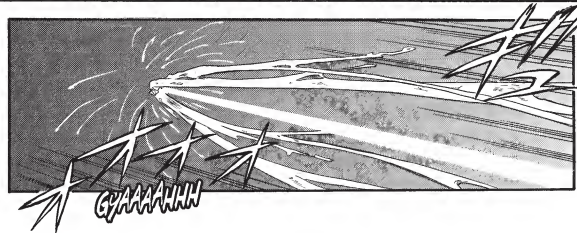
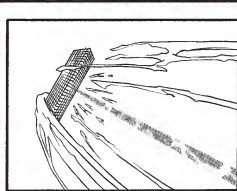
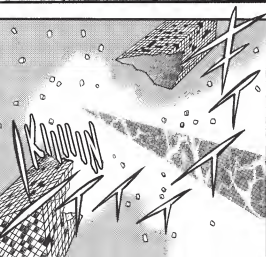


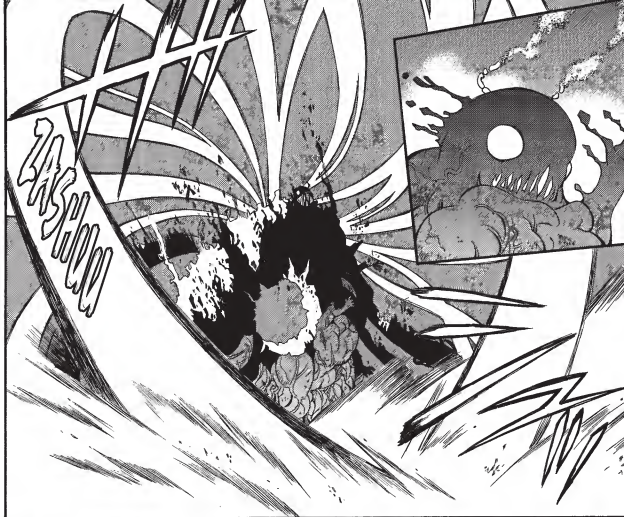


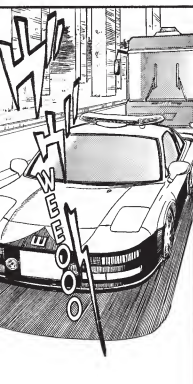
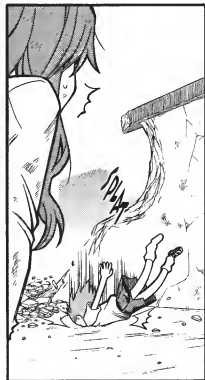
SORRY,
BUT I REALLY
DON'T FEEL LIKE
LOSING TO
ANYONE WILLING
TO SUSPEND
THEIR OWN
"PERSONAL
REALITY" AT
A DROP OF
THE HAT!

SO,
YOU'RE AN
AGGREGATE
OF PEOPLE'S
AIM
DISPERSION
FIELDS...











WITH THE NETWORK GONE, I DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO GET AWAY FROM ANTI-SKILL.

WHIRL
NOW WHERE IS THE MYSTERIOUS GIANT CREATURE AGAIN?

KAKK



SKREEECH

NOTHING ...



I CAN CONSTRUCT A THEORY FROM ANYWHERE...

I'M JUST GOING TO START OVER AGAIN, FROM SQUARE ONE.

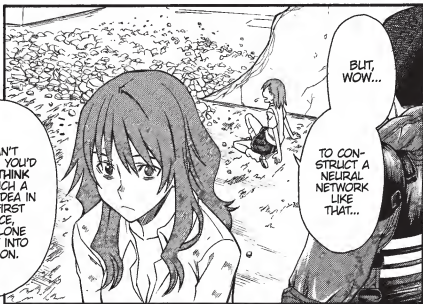
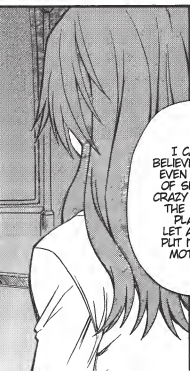
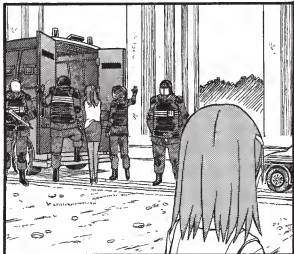


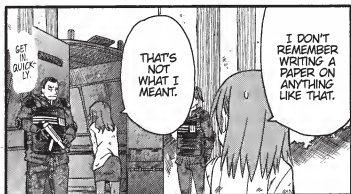
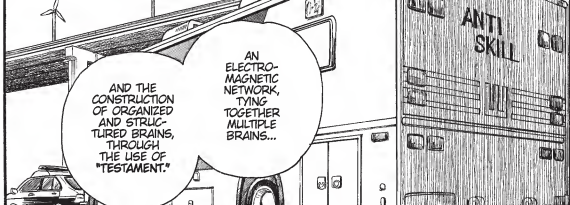
THAT BEING SAID, I'M NOT GIVING UP ON THOSE KIDS.

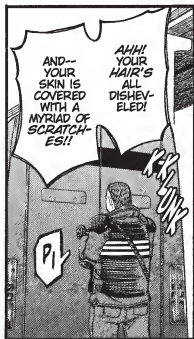
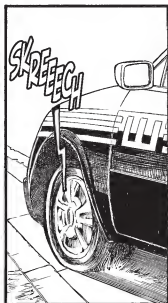
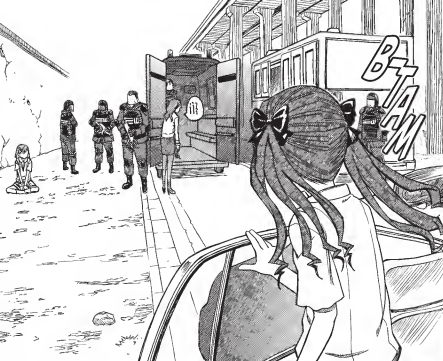


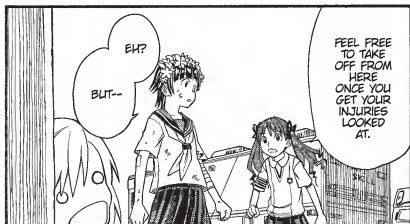
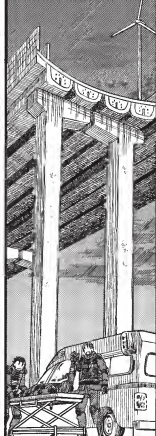
WHETHER THAT BE FROM WITHIN A PRISON'S WALLS OR AT THE VERY ENDS OF THE EARTH.

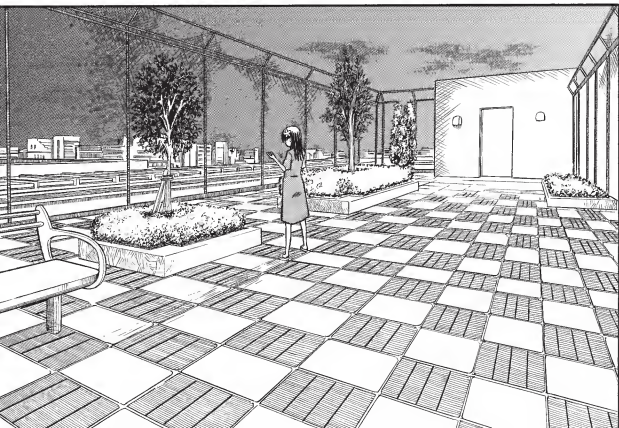
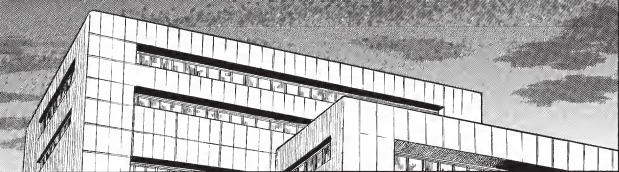
AFTER ALL, MY BRAIN IS RIGHT HERE WITH ME, WHEREVER I GO.



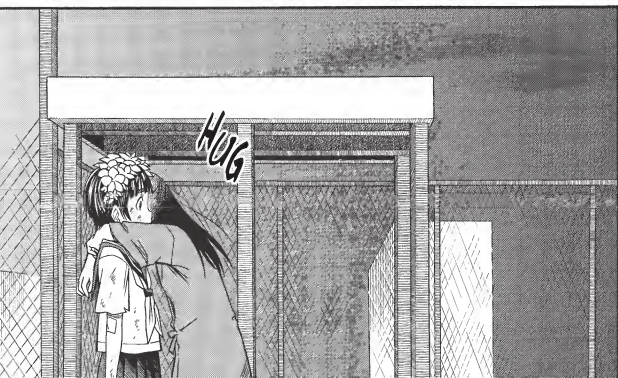
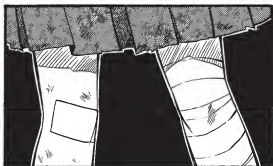






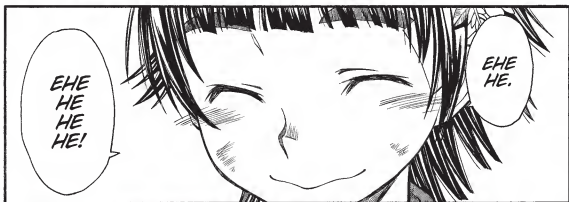


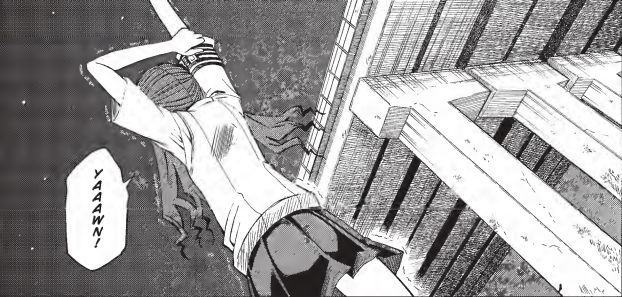


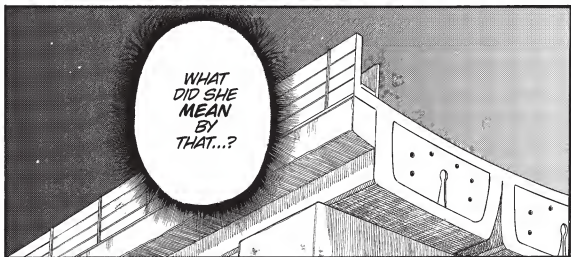






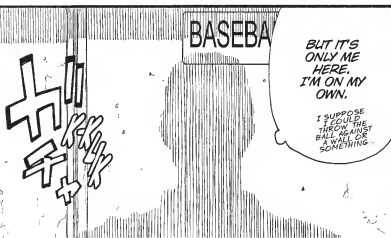
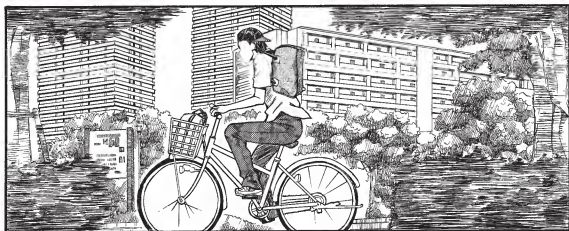






A Certain SCIENTIFIC Railgun

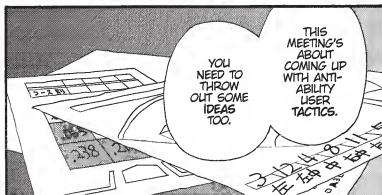
A CERTAIN STUDENT'S EPILOGUE





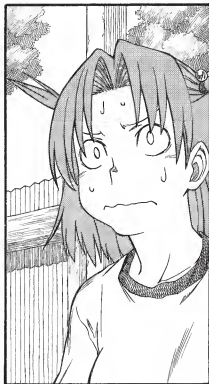
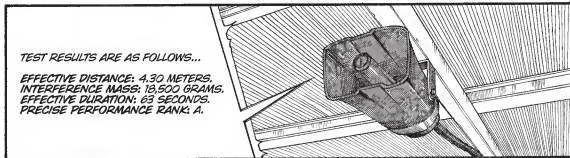
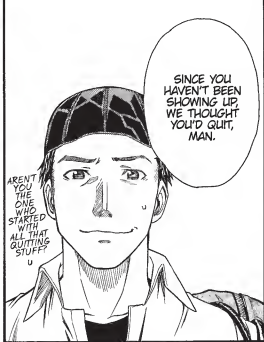
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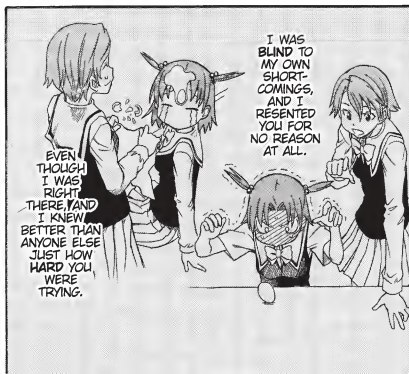
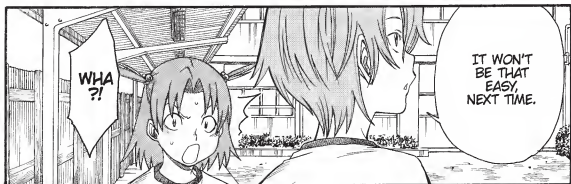
WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS OUR DEFENSE. IF WE HOLD THEM TO ZERO POINTS...



THIS MEETING'S ABOUT COMING UP WITH ANTI-ABILITY USER TACTICS.

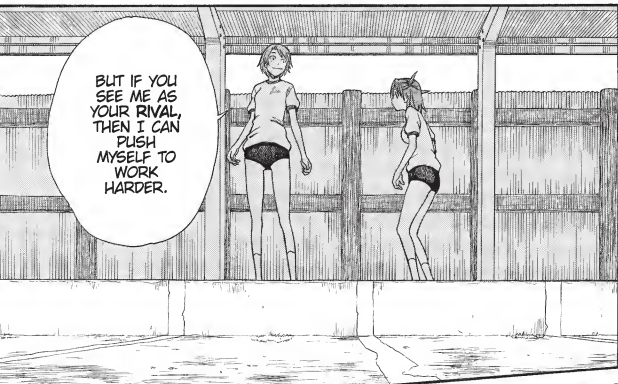
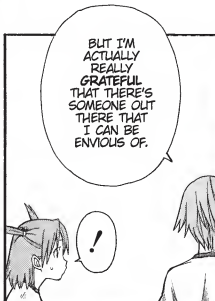


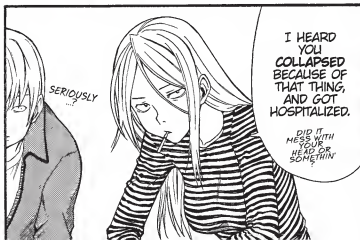
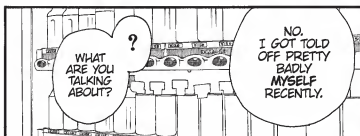
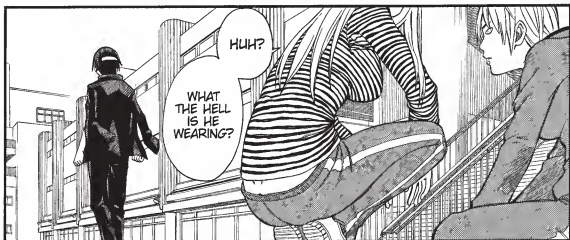
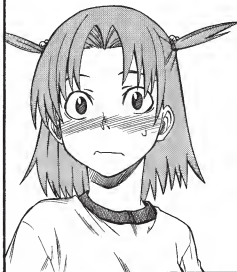


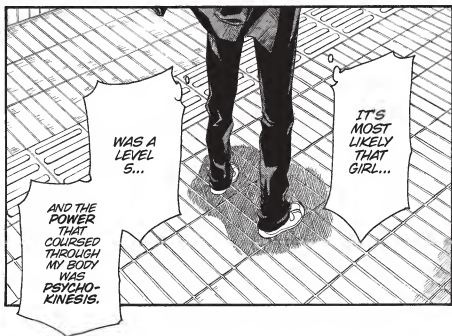


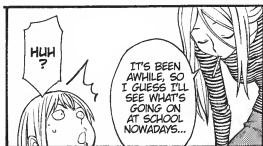


TO HAVE A PERSON WHO STANDS IN THE SAME ARENA AS ME... AN EXISTENCE THAT I CAN COMPETE WITH. TO HAVE SOMEONE THAT'S AS CONSCIOUS OF ME AS I AM OF THEM.





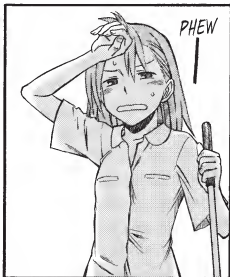
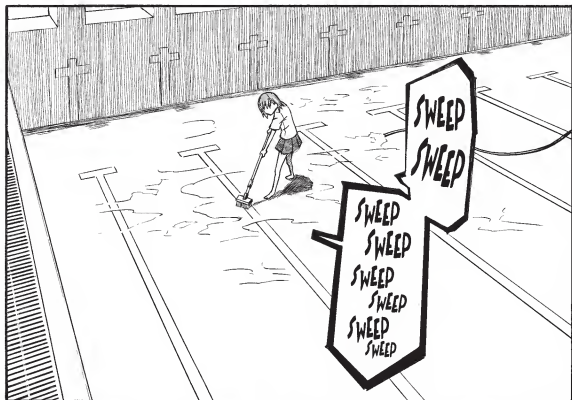




THE CHILDREN OF THIS CITY AREN'T SO SOFT AS TO REMAIN **BROKEN** FOREVER.

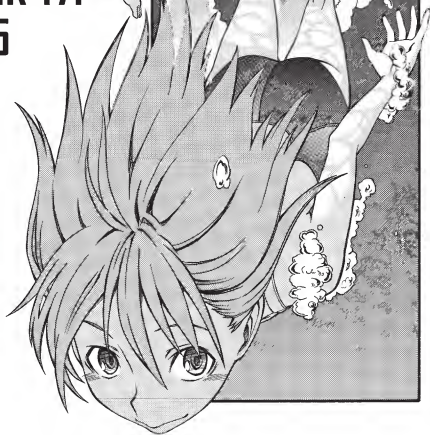


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EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE BATTLE WITH THE "AIM BURST"...



I DON'T SEE SIGNS OF ANYONE NEAR THE FRONT ENTRY HALL!!

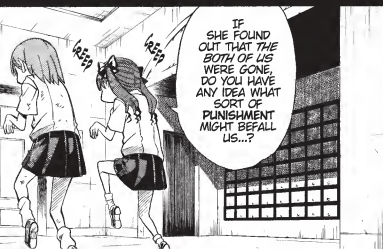
OVER!

WELL...?



AND THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF REASONING WITH HER.

IT'S WAY PAST CURFEW.



IF SHE FOUND OUT THAT THE BOTH OF US WERE GONE, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT SORT OF PUNISHMENT MIGHT BEFALL US...?



IF WE CAN GET IN THERE, I CAN ACCURATELY TELEPORT US BOTH TO OUR ROOMS, ONEESAMA.



WOULD
YOU
LIKE TO
KNOW?



IT'S
HER...!

OH
NO!

GAH!

AH!



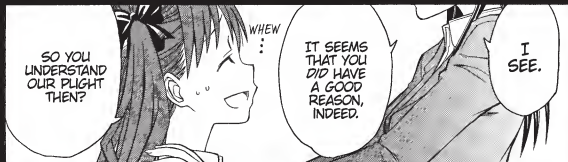
IT'S A BIT
OFF-SEASON,
BUT PERHAPS
I HAVE TO
CONSIDER A
ROOM CHANGE
FOR YOU
TWO.

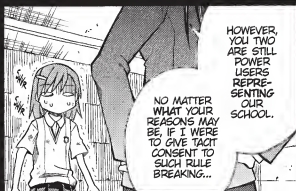
IT'S SO
NICE,
RUNNING
INTO
YOU...



THE
DORM
SUPER-
VISOR
!!

SO, TWO
ROOMMATES,
LIVING IT UP
ALL NIGHT
TOGETHER,
HMM...





HOWEVER,
YOU TWO
ARE STILL
POWER
USERS
REPRE-
SENTING
OUR
SCHOOL.

NO MATTER
WHAT YOUR
REASONS MAY
BE, IF I WERE
TO GIVE TACIT
CONSENT TO
SUCH RULE
BREAKING...



KLUNK

I AM
WELL
AWARE THAT
SITUATIONS
OUT OF YOUR
CONTROL MAY
ARISE, WHICH
WILL NOT
ALLOW FOR
YOUR STRICT
COMPLIANCE
AT ALL
TIMES.



Gulp

IT WOULD BE
SETTING A
BAD EXAMPLE
FOR THE
OTHERS.



Y-YES,
MA'AM...



PUNISHMENT
IS NECES-
SARY FOR
THOSE THAT
BREAK THE
RULES.

WOULDN'T
YOU
AGREE?

HMM?



CHIRR

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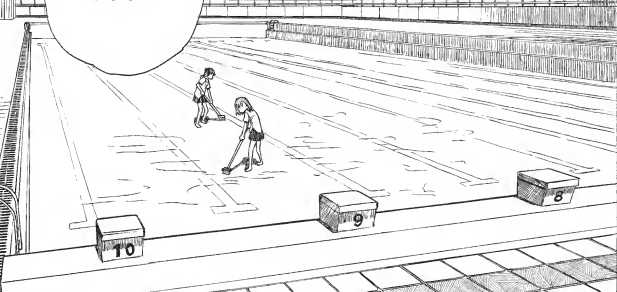
CHIRR

OUR
ASSIGNED
TASK
WAS...

CHIRR CHIRR

AND
SO...

CLEANING
THIS
GODZILLA-
SIZE
POOL.





AHA HA
HA HA
HA HA!

SO
HOT!!



GETTING TO
SPEND SOME
PRIVATE TIME
WITH A SWEATY
ONEESAMA AT
THE POOL!

OH GOSH,
I'M
SLOBBERING...

THIS IS
MY
LUCKY
DAY,
INDEED!



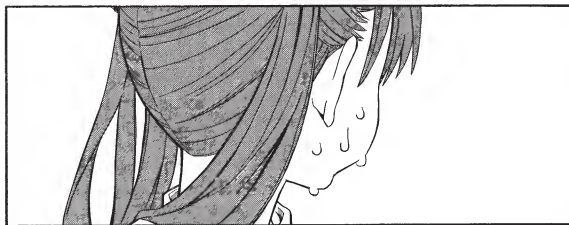
WOULD
YOU LIKE A
SPECIALLY
FORMULATED
DRINK,
COURTESY
OF YOURS
TRULY?

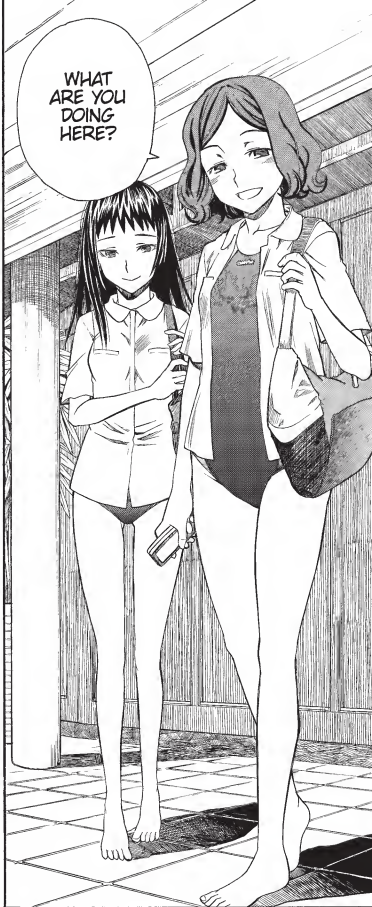
IT'S
IMPERA-
TIVE
TO STAY
HYDRATED
WHEN
YOU'RE
WORKING
HARD
UNDER A
BLAZING
SUN.



THIS IS THE
CHANCE I'VE
BEEN WAITING
FOR TO CLOSE
THE DISTANCE
BETWEEN THE
TWO OF US IN
ONE FELL
SWOOP!

ONEEEE-
SAMA!!





OH,
WE'RE IN THE
SWIMMING
CLUB.
WE'RE HERE
TO INSPECT
THE POOL
EQUIPMENT.

IT'S THE
FIRST
YEARS
JOB.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU TWO?
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?



WHICH
MEANS
THEY'RE
A
YEAR
YOUNGER
THAN
ME...



THEY
MUST BE
KUROKO'S
CLASS-
MATES.



OMP.
NOTED
ME
STAYING
BY



NOT TOO
LONG AFTER
I FIRST
STARTED
ATTENDING
THIS
SCHOOL...

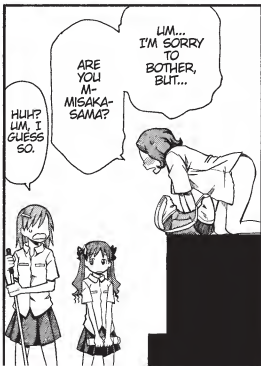
OH...

I'M
TRY
SO
I
KNOW
YOU

ARE
YOU
M-
MISAKA-
SAMA?

UM...
I'M SORRY
TO BOTHER,
BUT...

HUH?
UM, I
GUESS
SO.





WHY
DON'T
YOU
LET US
ESCORT
YOU?



YOU
DON'T
KNOW
THE
AREA
THAT
WELL,
DO
YOU?

AW,
COME
ON...



MEN
ARE SO
SCARY...

UM
...

UM
...

WH-WHAT
SHOULD I DO?
THIS IS MY
FIRST TIME
DOWNTOWN,
AND THEN THIS
SORT OF THING
HAS TO GO AND
HAPPEN...



OH
CRAP!
IT'S
THE
RAIL-
GUN...

OF
TOKI-
WADAI
?!!



HEY, YOU
LOT!

MIND NOT
BOTTER-
ING OUR
STUDENTS?



YEAH,
BUT WHY
DOES SHE
LOOK SO
FAMILIAR?
.....

OH,
THIS
ONE'S
NOT BAD
EITHER.









**SHE COMPLETELY
IGNORED ME
THAT TIME WHEN
I APPEARED TO
HER IN THAT
SEDUCTIVE
LITTLE OUTFIT.**

**WHenever I've
attempted to
take our
friendship to
another level
in the shower
room or in the
bedroom...**

**SHE'S
ALWAYS
DENIED ME
RATHER
VEHEMENTLY.**



**EVEN
THOUGH
SHE'S
ALWAYS
BEEN SO
KIND IN HER
INTERAC-
TIONS WITH
OTHERS...**

**TOTALLY
GOT WHAT
SHE
DESERVED. →**

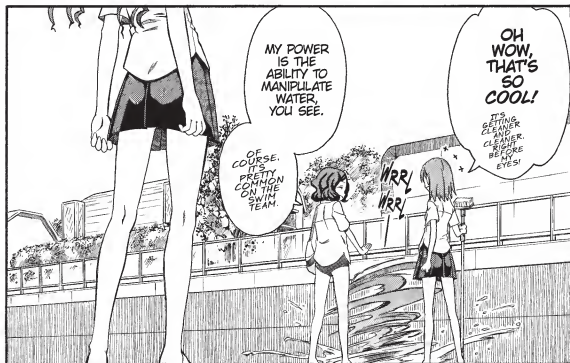
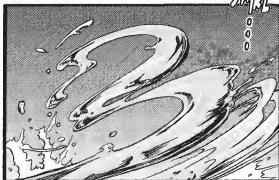
**COULD IT
BE THAT
ONEESAMA
IS COLD
ONLY TO...**

ME?

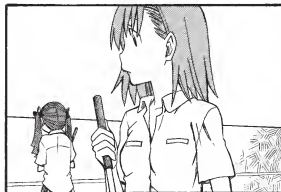


THE ABILITY TO TELEPORT!





UNTIL
LATER,
THEN...



I SUP-
POSE.

OH MAN,
TALK
ABOUT
HAVING
AWESOME
LUCK...

WITH
HER HELP,
THIS'LL
TAKE TEN
MINUTES
TOPS,
I BET!



IT'S
NOTH-
ING.

PLEASE
DON'T
CONCERN
YOURSELF
WITH ME.



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?
WHY SO
DOWN
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?



UM...
IT'S JUST ME,
BUT IF
SOMETHING'S
BOTHERING YOU,
I'D BE MORE
THAN HAPPY
TO LISTEN IF
YOU NEED
SOMEONE TO
TALK TO...

NO,
THANK
YOU!



I'M
NOTHING
BUT A
WORTHLESS
PSYCHIC
WITH A
CRAPPY
POWER
THAT CAN'T
EVEN
CLEAN
EFFICIENTLY.



IT'S
NOTHING TO
DO WITH YOU.
IT'S SIMPLY
THAT I'M THE
ONE WHO'S
NOT ANY GOOD
FOR YOU,
ONEESAMA.



SO HOW
COULD
SOMEONE
LIKE ME...

I HAVE
NO USE
WHATSO-
EVER...

ALL I DO
IS CAUSE
YOU
TROUBLE.

SOB

HAVE ANY
RIGHT
TO BE AT
YOUR SIDE,
ONEE-
SAMAAAA...



I'VE GOT
NO CLUE
OF HOW TO
KEEP UP
WITH HER
MOOD
SWINGS
LATELY.

AND
WHAT ON
EARTH
IS SHE
TALKING
ABOUT?

WHAT
THE
HECK?

WHA...

HMM

SOB

SOB

BUT YOU'RE
ALWAYS
HELPING ME
OUT, ONE
WAY OR
THE OTHER,
SO I'VE
COME TO
RELY ON YOU
QUITE A BIT.

I ADMIT
THERE ARE
A FEW TIMES
THAT I
WITHDRAW
MYSELF
FROM YOUR
ECCENTRICITIES,
AND THE
THINGS YOU
SAY OR
DO.

LOOK...

BUT YOU
GETTING ALL
DEPRESSED
OVER THINGS
MAKES **ME**
FEEL REALLY
DEPRESSED
TOO.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
EXACTLY
HAPPENED...

WHETHER YOU
HAVE THE RIGHT
TO OR NOT HAS
NO BEARING IN
THE MATTER...
WE'RE GOING TO
BE TOGETHER
FOREVER,
KUROKO.



WELL,
OF
COURSE.

DID YOU
SAY
TOGETHER...
FOREVER?

ONEE...
SAMA...

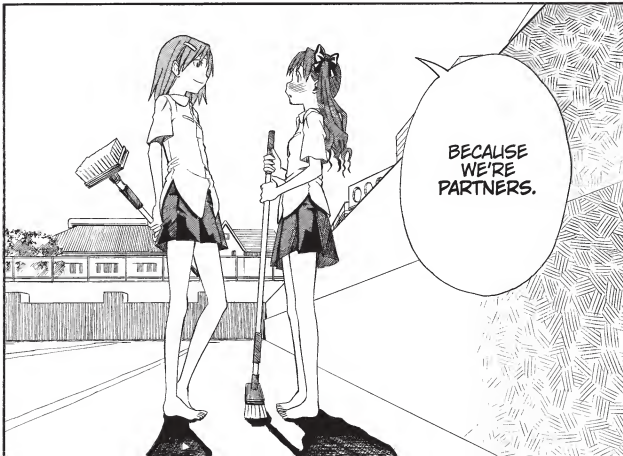
JUST
NOW...

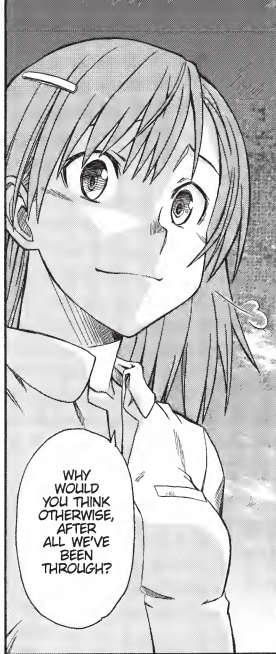


WE GO TO THE SAME
SCHOOL, AND WE LIVE
IN THE SAME ROOM.
EVEN IF WE TRIED,
WE COULDN'T BE
APART FROM ONE
ANOTHER.



BECAUSE
WE'RE
PARTNERS.





WHY
WOULD
YOU THINK
OTHERWISE,
AFTER
ALL WE'VE
BEEN
THROUGH?



ME AND
YOU,
ONEE-
SAMA?

P-P-
PARTNERS
...?



MORE
LIKE
THE
"ROOM-
MATE
AGREE-
MENT."

PART-
NERS
TIED
TOGE-
THER
BY THE
"RED
STRING
OF
FATE."

OF
COURSE.
WE'RE
PARTNERS,
AFTER
ALL!

BUT
I'M ALL
RIGHT
NOW!

YEAH?
GOOD!

I
SUPPOSE
I WAS
BEING A
LITTLE
NAIVE.

AH
HA...
AHA
HA HA
HA!





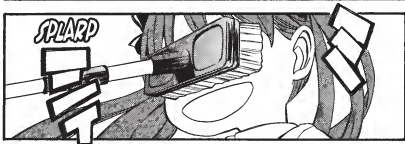
I'M PRETTY SURE I LEFT THAT THING LOCKED UP TIGHT IN MY LOCKER!

oHo Ho...

LOCKS ARE USELESS BEFORE MY ABILITY!



SO I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF BRINGING ALONG YOUR SCHOOL SWIMSUIT WITH ME, ONEESAMA!



SULK

BUT I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO HAVE IT READY FOR YOU...

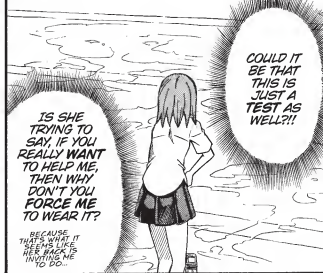
OF COURSE NOT!!

EH...?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WEAR IT...?



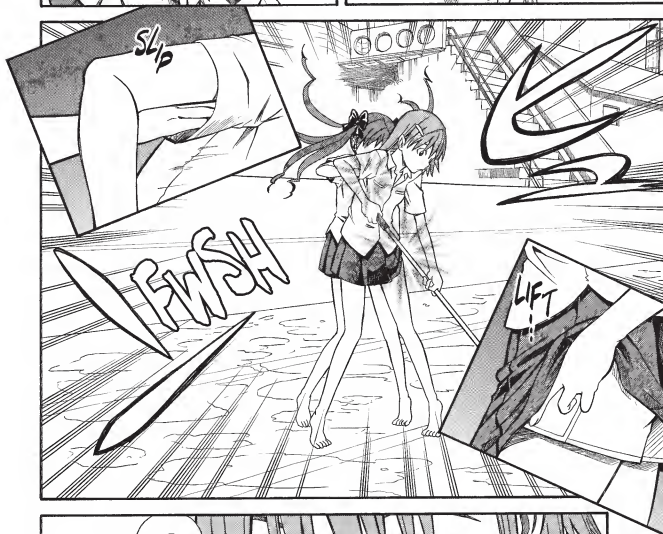
WELL,
IN THAT
CASE
....!!



COULD IT
BE THAT
THIS IS
JUST A
TEST AS
WELL?!!

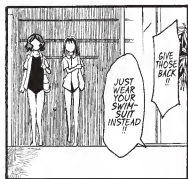
IS SHE
TRYING TO
SAY, IF YOU
REALLY WANT
TO HELP ME,
THEN WHY
DON'T YOU
FORCE ME
TO WEAR IT?

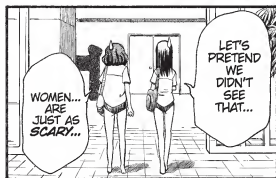
BECAUSE
THAT'S WHAT IT
SEEMS LIKE
HER BACK IS
INVITING ME
TO DO.



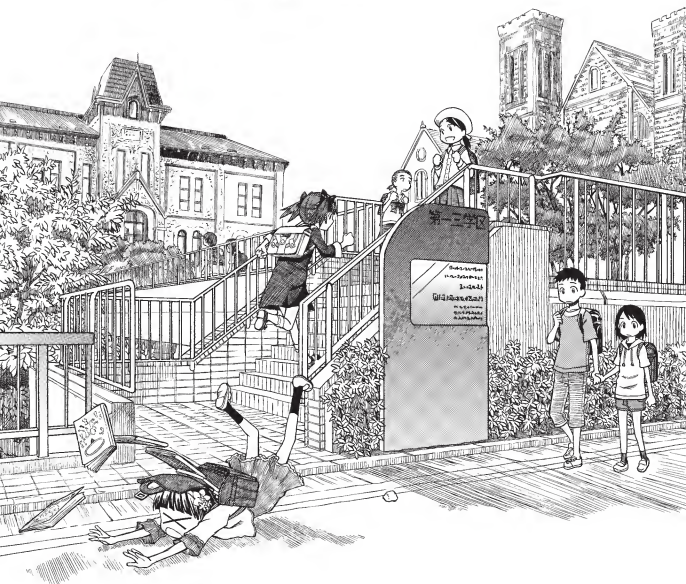
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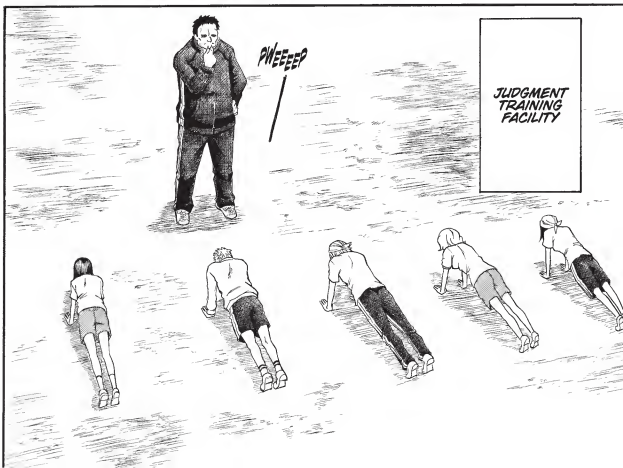
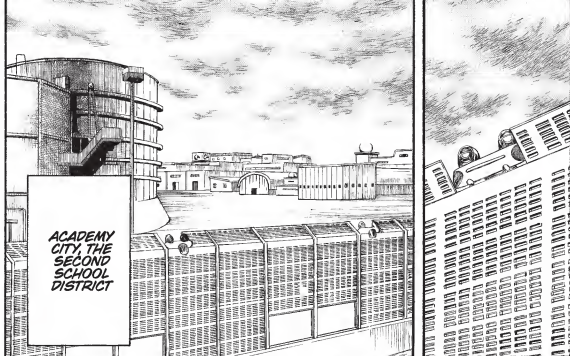


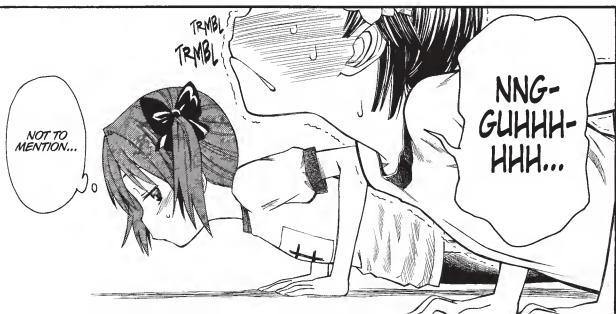
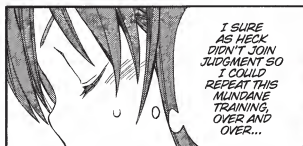
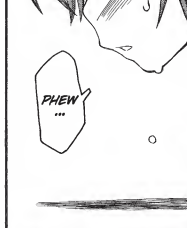


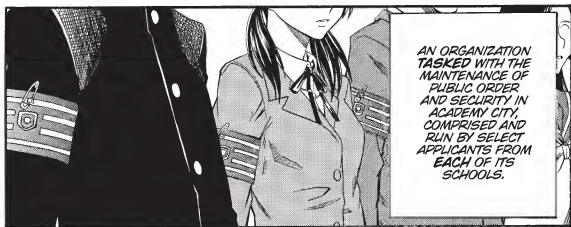
A Certain SCIENTIFIC Railgun



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A CERTAIN PAIR'S JOB TRAINING (PART 1 OF 2)







ONLY THOSE ASPIRANTS WHO HAVE SIGNED NINE CONTRACTS, AND PASSED THIRTEEN SUITABILITY TESTS AND FOUR MONTHS OF TRAINING ARE GRANTED THE RIGHT TO CALL THEMSELVES A MEMBER OF JUDGMENT.

(ONCE SUCH RANK IS OBTAINED, HOWEVER, REGARDLESS OF WHICH SCHOOL A STUDENT MAY CHOOSE LATER TO ATTEND OR TRANSFER TO, SAID QUALIFICATION IS CARRIED OVER WITH THE STUDENT.)



AS IT IS A DUTY THAT MAY PLACE A STUDENT IN HARM'S WAY, IN ADDITION TO REQUIRING EXTREMELY HIGH MORALS...



ALL RIGHT, FINAL LAP. YOU CAN DO IT!

TMP



SO IT'S PRETTY DOUBTFUL THAT SHE'LL MAKE IT TO THE END THEN, HUH?

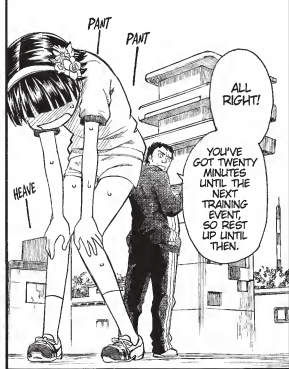


OH MY GOODNESS, IS SHE STILL RUNNING?



OH WOW.

THE SECOND TO LAST RUNNER PUT FOUR LAPS ON HER, SO YEAH.





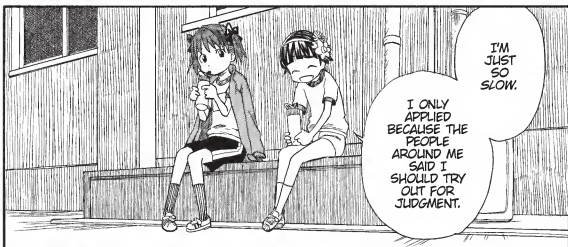
THIS IS
PROBABLY
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR
SOMEONE
LIKE ME,
ISN'T IT...?

SNIP
|

OH,
I'M
HIHARU
KAZARI.

I'M
SHIRAI
KUROKO!

YOU
CAN CALL
ME
SHIRAI.

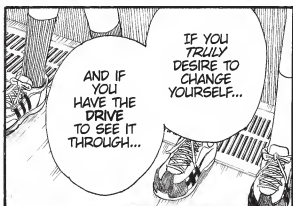
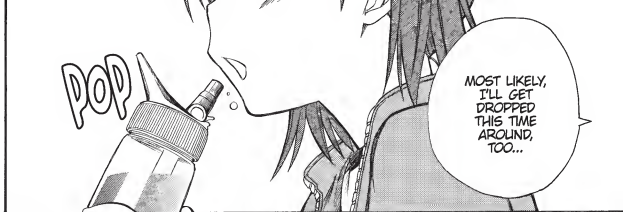


I'M
JUST
SO
SLOW.

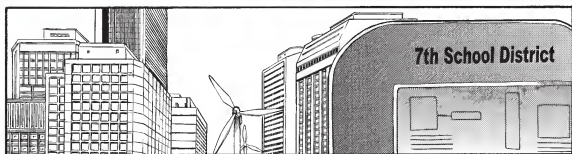
I ONLY
APPLIED
BECAUSE THE
PEOPLE
AROUND ME
SAID I
SHOULD TRY
OUT FOR
JUDGMENT.

DID YOU
KNOW
I PRETTY
MUCH GOT
REJECTED
RIGHT AWAY
DURING
SUMMER
RECRUIT-
MENT?

BUT I CAN
HARDLY
KEEP UP
WITH THE
TRAINING...











UGH...
IS IT
BECAUSE
I'M
STILL IN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL?



THAT'S
NOT--!
I
WOULDN'T--!
I--!



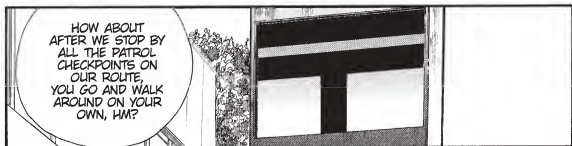
IN YOUR
PARTICULAR
CASE, YOUR
RAW POTENTIAL
IS SO HIGH,
YOU MIGHT BE
INCLINED TO
TRY TO SOLVE
MATTERS
ALL BY
YOURSELF.

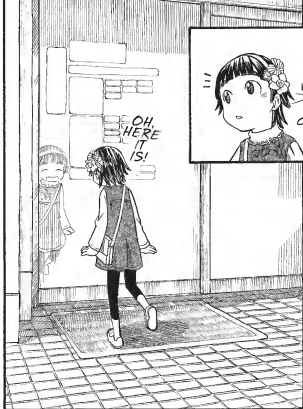
IT'S NOT
JUST
ABOUT
YOUR
AGE.

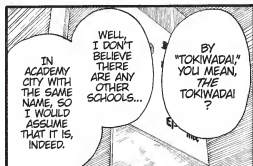


.....
YOU'RE
TOTALLY
TREATING
ME
LIKE A
CHILD
BY THE
WAY

UNLESS YOU
LEARN TO RELY
ON THE PEOPLE
AROUND YOU A
LITTLE BIT MORE,
YOU MAY END UP
ENDANGERING
YOUR OWN
SAFETY MORE
OFTEN THAN
NOT.









I VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT IT'S ANYTHING LIKE ITS REPUTATION IN REALITY...



FROM WHAT I HEAR, THE STUDENTS THERE CREATE THEIR OWN FACTIONS...

SO I PERSONALLY GOT A BAD IMPRESSION FROM IT.

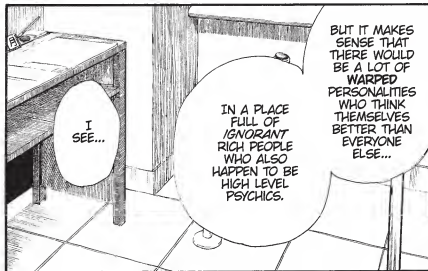


AHA HA HA...

OH HO HO HO...

WELL, IT'S EASILY ONE OF ACADEMY CITY'S TOP FIVE FAMOUS SCHOOLS!

IT'S ALSO ONE OF THOSE SCHOOLS WHERE CELEBRITIES ATTEND, PEOPLE WHO HAVE REFINEMENT OZZING OUT OF THEIR PORES, SO I'M SURE THAT THE ACADEMIC LIFE THERE IS JUST AS ELEGANT!



I SEE...

IN A PLACE FULL OF IGNORANT RICH PEOPLE WHO ALSO HAPPEN TO BE HIGH LEVEL PSYCHICS.

BUT IT MAKES SENSE THAT THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF WARPED PERSONALITIES WHO THINK THEMSELVES BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE...

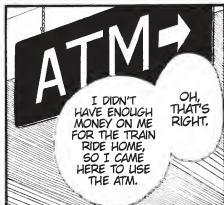


I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS...

REALLY?



BY THE WAY, WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE POST OFFICE?

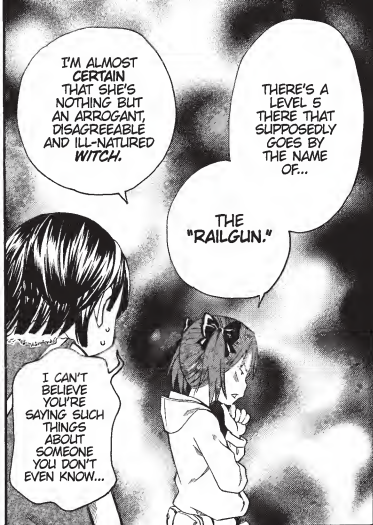


I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY ON ME FOR THE TRAIN RIDE HOME, SO I CAME HERE TO USE THE ATM.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT.



I'LL BE OFF THEN, UNTIL NEXT TIME...

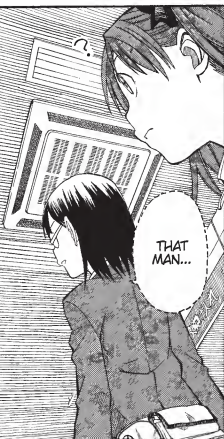


I'M ALMOST CERTAIN THAT SHE'S NOTHING BUT AN ARROGANT, DISAGREEABLE AND ILL-NATURED WITCH.

THERE'S A LEVEL 5 THERE THAT SUPPOSEDLY GOES BY THE NAME OF...

THE "RAILGUN."

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE SAYING SUCH THINGS ABOUT SOMEONE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW...



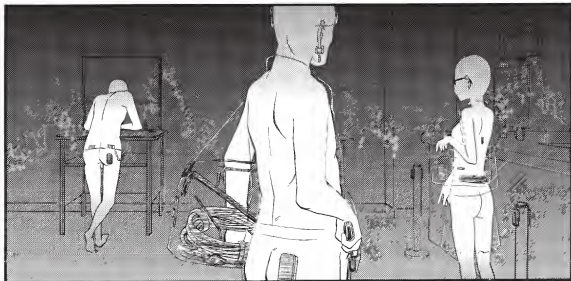
THAT MAN...



SHH.

OH I WAS STILL ON DUTY WASN'T I?

I'M SO SORRY. I SAW SOMEONE I KNEW...





I'M NOT SURE IF HE'S PLANNING ON COMMITTING A CRIME RIGHT HERE...

A ROBBER?!



BUT I'M GOING TO ALERT THE EMPLOYEES.

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, I NEED YOU TO GET THE PATRONS TO SAFETY.

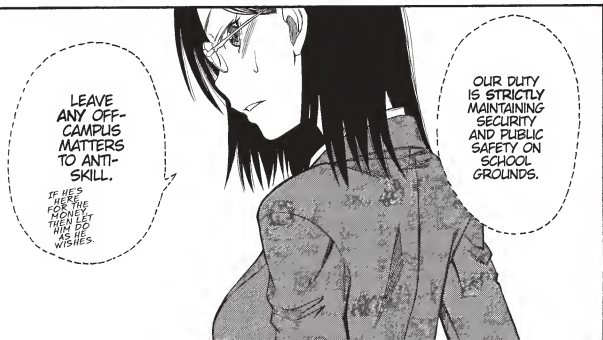


HE HAS A HANDGUN IN HIS RIGHT POCKET.



DON'T GET ANY CRAZY IDEAS!

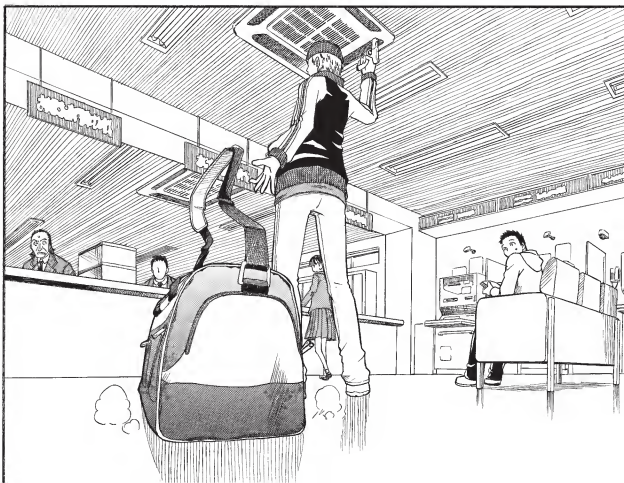
AREN'T YOU GOING TO ARREST HIM?

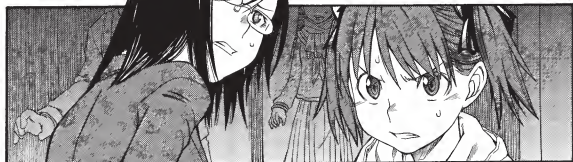
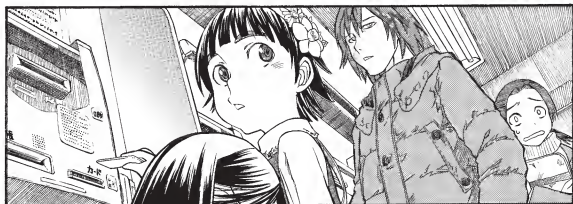
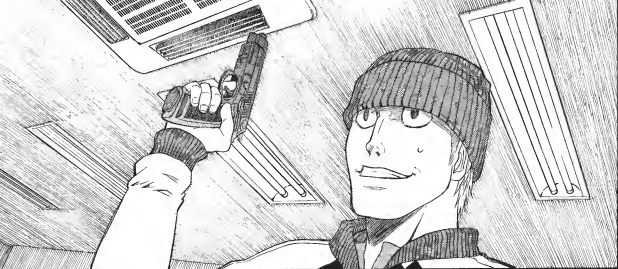


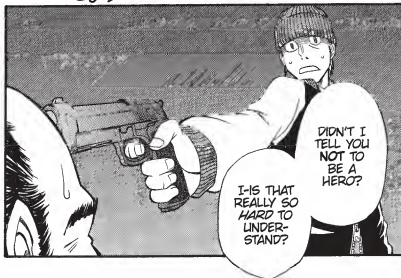
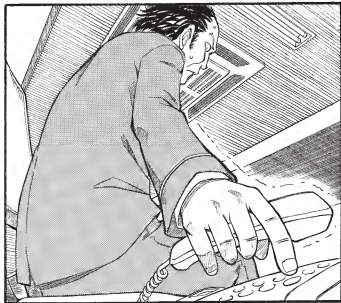
LEAVE ANY OFF-CAMPUS MATTERS TO ANTI-SKILL.

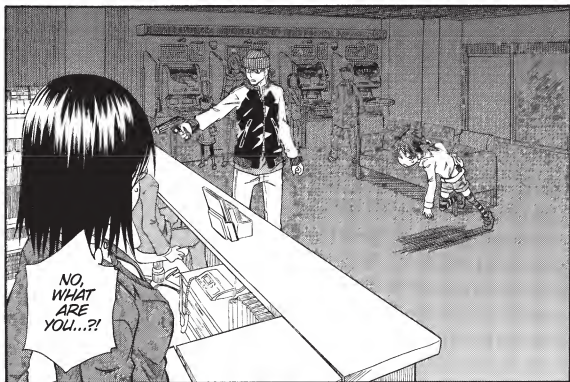
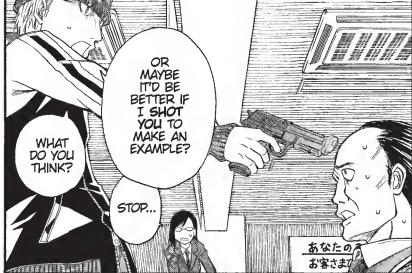
IF HE'S HERE FOR THE MONEY, THEN LET HIM DO AS HE WISHES.

OUR DUTY IS STRICTLY MAINTAINING SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

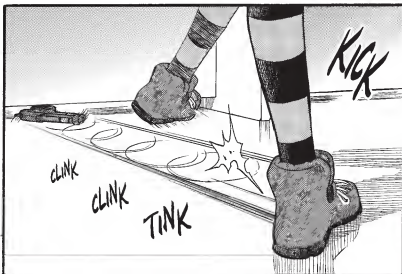
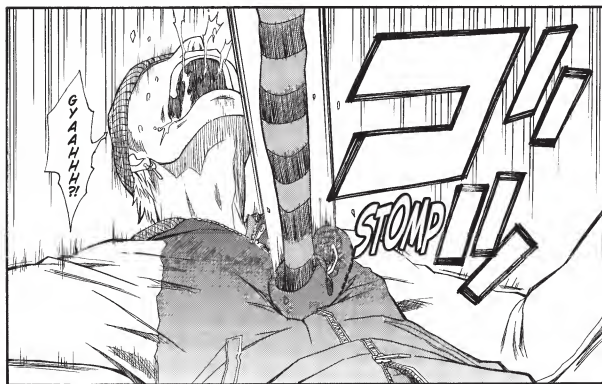
















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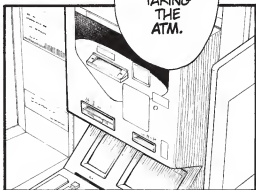
ONCE
YOU'RE DONE
REMOVING IT,
USE THE
WIRE TO TIE
IT TO
THE CAR
OUTSIDE.

EASY
AS PIE.
HUH?



I ALREADY
KNOW THAT
YOU GUYS
DON'T KEEP
A LOT OF
CASH IN THE
SAFE...

THAT'S
WHY
I'LL BE
TAKING
THE
ATM.



IF THEY
MANAGE
TO ESCAPE
WITH
LIHARU,
NOT EVEN
ANTI-SKILL
WOULD BE
ABLE TO
STOP
THEM.

AND ONCE
SHE'S
WORN OUT
HER USE-
FULNESS,
WHO KNOWS
WHAT'LL
HAPPEN...



I DOUBT
SUCH FINE,
UPSTANDING
MEMBERS OF
JUDGMENT
WOULD DO
SOMETHING
SO VILE AS TO
ABANDON
A KID.

THIS
IS
BAD...

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO...?



IS THE
MONEY
MORE
IMPORTANT
TO HIM THAN
THE LIVES
OF HIS
CUSTOMERS
?!

VREEP

THAT
IDIOT!
WHAT
WAS HE
THINKING
?!

HE'S JUST
GONE AND
MADE THIS
PARTICULAR
SITUATION
EVEN MORE
OF A POWDER
KEG!

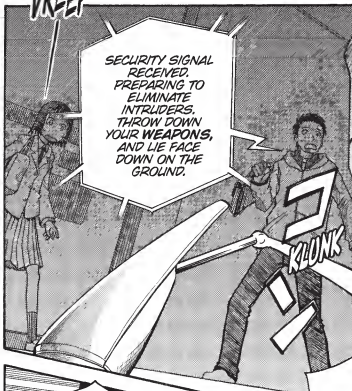
VREEP



VREEP

VREEP

SECURITY SIGNAL
RECEIVED.
PREPARING TO
ELIMINATE
INTRUDERS.
THROW DOWN
YOUR WEAPONS,
AND LIE FACE
DOWN ON THE
GROUND.



KLUNK
+
+
+
VREEP

BUT
THEY'VE GOT A
HOSTAGE!
COULD THIS
GET ANY
WORSE?!

A
SECURITY
ROBOT?!

WAS IT
PROGRAMMED
TO ACTIVATE
WHEN THE
ALARM WAS
TRIGGERED OR
SOMETHING?



VREEP

JEEZ...

VREEP

HE'S GOT
SOMETHING
OUT OF HIS
RIGHT
HAND!

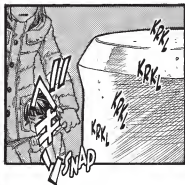
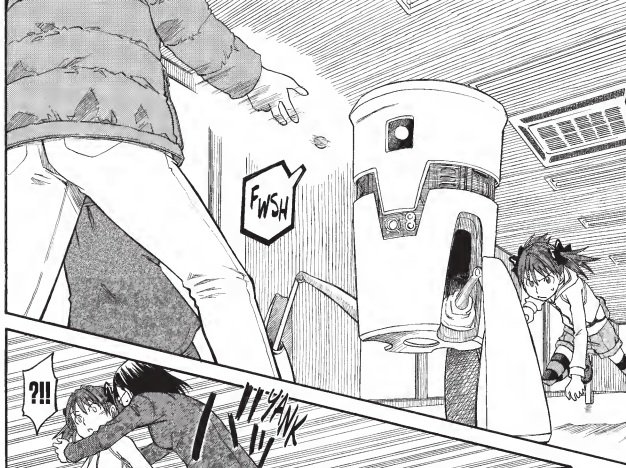
SHFL

WHAT A
PAIN...

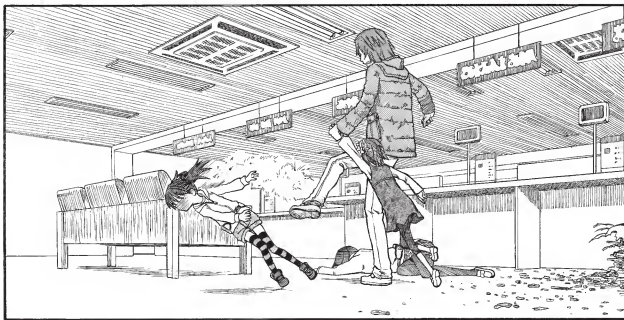
VREEP

VREEP

WSH





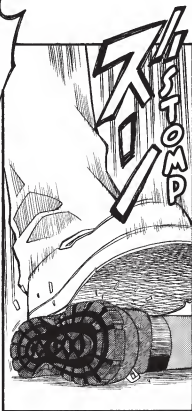




YOU
THINK YOU
CAN TAKE
ME OUT,
JUST LIKE
YOU DID
WITH THAT
IDIOT?

GEEZ

AH-
A
A
H
H
H
H
H
H
!



STOMP

DON'T
TAKE ME
LIGHTLY,
KID.



SHIRAI-
SAN?
SHIRAI-
SAN?!

AH!

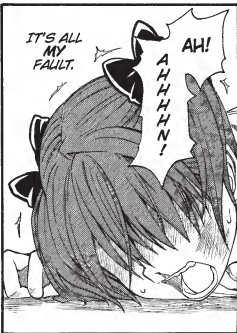
GAAH!

BECAUSE
OF MY
HASTY
ACTIONS,
LIHARU
GOT TAKEN
HOSTAGE...

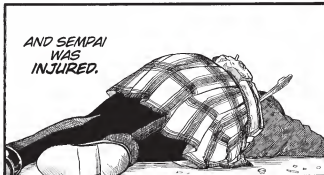


IT'S ALL
MY
FAULT.

AH!
A
H
H
H
H
N
!



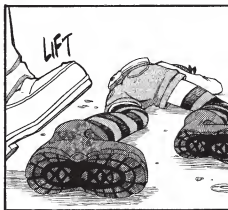
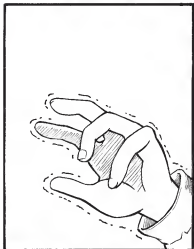
AND SEMPAI
WAS
INJURED.





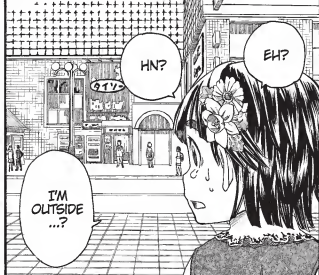
JUST
LOOK
AT
ME...

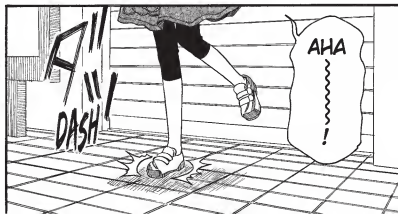
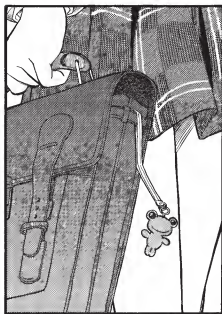
I'M
WORSE
THAN A
SCRUB.

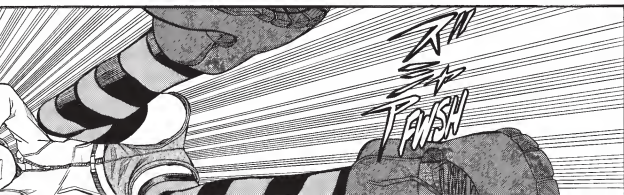
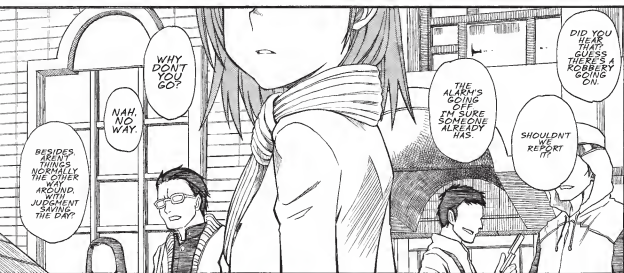


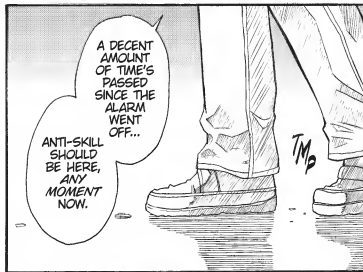


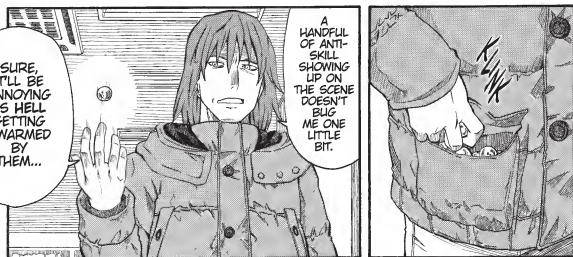


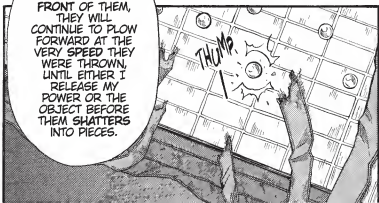
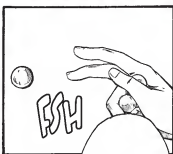
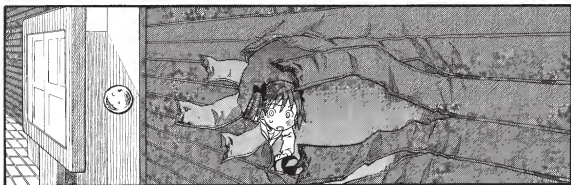
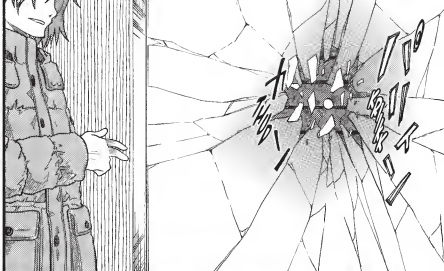


















IF YOU
HELP ME,
I'LL LET
YOU GO.



IF I
REFUSE
TO HELP
HIM,
HE MIGHT
KILL ME.

WHAT
DO I
DO...?



IT STILL
HURTS
WHERE
HE
KICKED
ME IN
THE FACE...

AND
WHERE
HE
STEPPED
ON MY
HAND.
NOT
NEARLY AS
MUCH AS
MY LEG,
THOUGH.

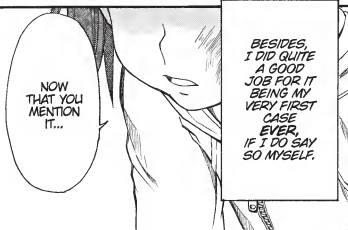
IF YOU
AND I
WORK
TOGETHER,
WE'LL BE
UNSTOP-
PABLE,
NO?



IT SEEMS
HIGHLY
UNLIKELY
THAT HE'D
BE ABLE TO
ESCAPE
ACADEMY
CITY'S
SURVEIL-
LANCE
NETWORK.

BUT IF
I LET
THIS
MAN
GO...

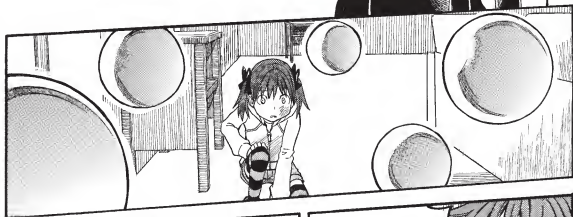
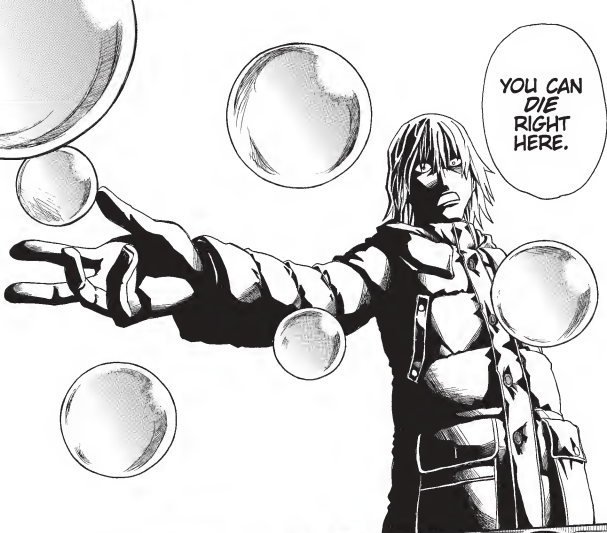
ACTUALLY...
YOU KNOW
WHAT?
YOU OUGHT
TO PARTNER
UP WITH
ME.

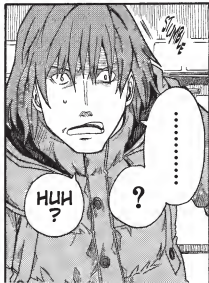


NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION
IT...

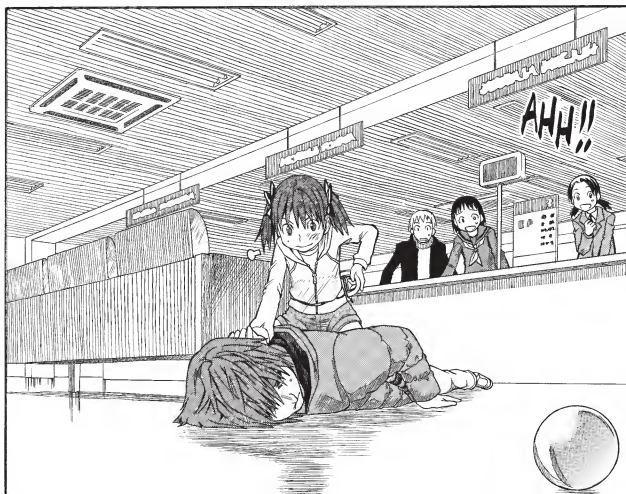
BESIDES,
I DID QUITE
A GOOD
JOB FOR IT
BEING MY
VERY FIRST
CASE
EVER.
IF I DO SAY
SO MYSELF.

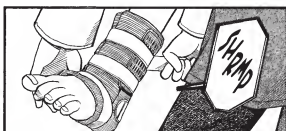
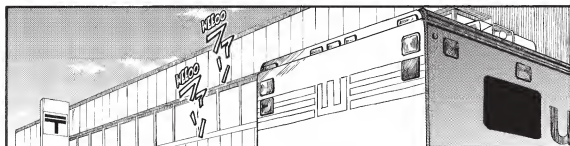
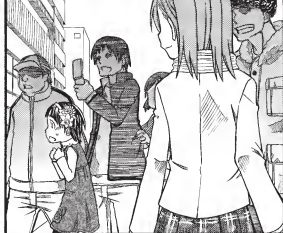














BUT THAT
CONVICTION
WAS NEVER
MEANT TO BE
DIRECTED AT
MYSELF.

FOLLOW YOUR
CONVICTION,
AND TAKE
THOSE ACTIONS
THAT YOU
BELIEVE TO BE
RIGHT!



I WAS
WRONG.

I WAS
THINKING
ONLY
ABOUT
CHANGING
MYSELF.

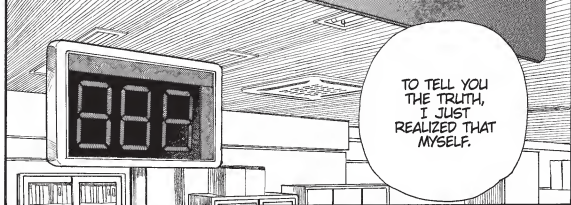


IN ORDER TO
PROTECT THE
PEACE OF
ACADEMY CITY,
AND PRESERVE
THE LIFESTYLES
OF EVERYONE
LIVING IN IT.

INSTEAD,
IT'S WHAT IS
NECESSARY
FOR ME TO
OPPOSE
ALL THE
DIFFICULTIES
I WILL
FACE...



THAT'S
WHAT I
FINALLY
REALIZED
WHILE
WATCHING
YOU FIGHT,
SHIRAI-SAN.



TO TELL YOU
THE TRUTH,
I JUST
REALIZED THAT
MYSELF.



HMM,
THESE MAY
LEAVE A
FEW SCARS
WHEN THEY
HEAL...

UGH
!

BUT I'M
NOT
EVEN
MARRIED
YET...





LIKE
ANYONE
REALLY
HAS TO TELL
ME JUST
HOW MUCH
POTENTIAL
THAT GIRL
HAS.

IF ANYTHING,
IT'S BECAUSE
OF THAT I'VE
BEEN EXTRA
CAREFUL WITH
HER, SO SHE
DOESN'T
GO DOWN
THE WRONG
PATH.



I WONDER IF
I WOULD HAVE
REALLY BEEN
ABLE TO
EXTINGUISH THAT
PARTICULAR
INCIDENT WITHOUT
BRINGING ANY
HARM TO THE
CITIZENS.

BUT THE
WAY I DO
THINGS
BECAUSE
OF IT...



HMM...

MAYBE WE
DO NEED
MORE
KIDS LIKE
HER
WITHIN
THE ORGA-
NIZATION.



IN THE END,
JUDGMENT
MEMBERS ARE
STUDENTS,
JUST LIKE THE
REST OF THE
PEOPLE HERE.
MOREOVER,
BECAUSE THEY
ARE PRETTY
PASSIVE
ABOUT OFF-
CAMPUS
AFFAIRS...

THEY ARE
LACKING
IN CERTAIN
AREAS IN
REGARDS TO
THE DETER-
RENCE OF
ABILITY-
RELATED
CRIMES.



YES, OF COURSE. IF IT'S SOMETHING I CAN IMPART, I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO TEACH YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW.

TH-
THANK YOU
SO
MU--

WHAT MATTERS IS THAT WE BOTH SHARE THE SAME GOALS IN THE END.

YES.
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.

OHH.

AH
?!

WHY DON'T WE START WITH THE PAPER-WORK?

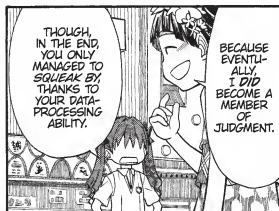
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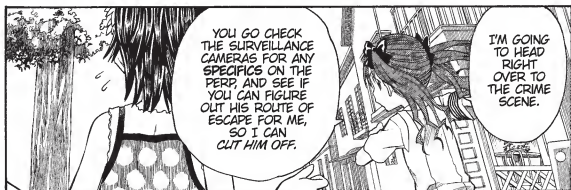
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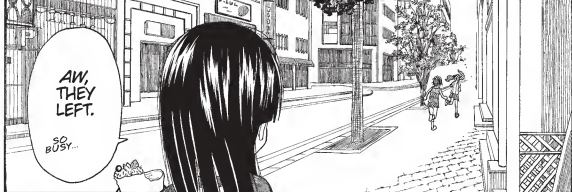
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WOW...

W-WELL,
I CERTAINLY
WILL TRY
MY BEST TO
BE MOST
DILIGENT
AGAINST THAT,
AS TO, UH,
NOT INVITE
ANY MORE
TROUBLE
FOR YOU.

I HAVE A
FEELING
THAT YOU'LL
BE HAVING
TO FILL OUT
THESE FORMS
MORE OFTEN
THAN NOT IN
THE FUTURE.







To Be Continued...

Saten. Rough Design

✕ Added a hair ornament.



© Made her a lot more bright and energetic than the scrapped design.



Hair Accessory



• A white plum flower with five petals. Made of a white, lustrous satin material.

• The backside of the hairpin is normally hidden under her hair, as with Mikoto.



IT WOULD
BE SO SAD
TO RETIRE
KIYAMA-SENSEI
JUST LIKE THAT,
SO PLEASE
BRING HER
BACK!!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
PUBLICATION OF YOUR MUCH
ANTICIPATED VOLUME 3.

近木野中哉
CHUYA KOGINO

CHEERS FROM
THE ORIGINAL SIDE

原作者よりお祝いメッセージ

A *Certain Scientific Railgun* is now in its third volume. Congratulations. Because the third volume showcases the climax of the "Level Upper" arc, it seems that it received some rather magnificent, really stunning artistic treatment, and for that I am truly, truly grateful.

While I do technically submit a plot to those involved, I am very, very happy, indeed to have received so many different suggestions and thoughts from Fuyukawa-san, allowing for a fun and exciting manga to be made, while keeping its novel foundations alive.

Thank you so much for everything you did this time.

And I look forward to working with you from here on.

Kazuma Kamachi

○ Month X Day

.....I had no idea at all of how terrifying a place like the Tokiwadai dormitories could be. And though they might have been just 1st year students, who on earth was that Dorm Supervisor who managed to take out three Level 4s in one fell swoop! As much as it pains me to do so, I guess I have no choice but to just grin and bear my punishment in the matter.

○ Month Δ Day

Today was the school entrance ceremony. It was not at all as brutal as I thought it would be, but I quickly received some invitations from some rather astute factions. Slowly but surely, I began to feel the difference between this place and a normal school. Since I do not like to work in groups, however, I politely declined.

○ Month ◇ Day

Today, I saw the oft-rumored "Railgun" with my own eyes for the very first time. Despite her notoriety, she did not seem to be affiliated with any of the major factions, nor did it seem she was trying to establish her own.

I found her to be completely different from the image I had put together of her from everything I had heard previously. But then again, I've seen more than enough people in my time whose inner selves do not match their outer shells at all, so I must remain cautious.

Then again, it may simply be that her popularity is rock bottom after all. Heh heh heh.

○ Month ☆ Day

In the short time that I hadn't seen her, the flowers on top of Uiharu's head seem to have increased exponentially. If it was just in her head, that would be one thing, but it's like a flower garden on the outside as well... what on earth is that girl thinking?

It was getting on my nerves so much that I decided to teleport the flowers away from her, then watched her run after them, crying.

○ Month ▲ Day

I happened to stumble upon two students glaring one another down, and from what I was advised by the crowd gathered around them, it seemed to be related to some inter-faction poaching incident... I was amazed that people would fight over something so utterly mundane. But then that "Railgun" showed up, chided the involved students for their behavior, and helped to subdue the scene. Just the way that she stood up to them was so brave, so gallant... Right? Not that I thought anything of it really, but...

The manner in which she handled things with such consideration for the two parties involved, not wanting to wound anyone's pride... Her gaze was so very kind... Right? Not that it means anything, but... However, before we all know it, the prickly atmosphere around us had dissipated, and I thought, what a wondrous person she is... Right? So...

© Month X Day

When I see that person in the hall or the courtyard, my gaze cannot help but to follow her.

When I see that person and another laughing together, I get the saddest feeling in my heart.

I've been acting so strangely lately, I wonder what's gotten into me...

© Month ♦ Day

When I come to my senses,
I find myself always thinking of her face.

Could it be that I...

No, it simply couldn't be... but...

© Month ♥ Day

This is.....

LOVE?!

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AAAAAAAA, Onesama who belongs to me, and ME alone!!!

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SCIENTIFIC Railgun
Kuroko's Diary Entries

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